



Israel Electric Corporation technicians yesterday connect the town of Jenin in the West Bank to the electric grid. Under the new arrangement, the town will be provided with two-and-a-half times more power than before. The connection was made at the Jenin municipality's request.

## Sign of movement at Nakoura

**Jerusalem Post Staff and agencies**  
NAKOURA. — For the first time since military talks between Israel and Lebanon started here last month, a certain movement, and perhaps even progress, was achieved in yesterday's session. A joint communiqué said "some positive elements appeared."

The spokesman of the Israeli delegation, Sgan-Aluf Yona Gutzit, told reporters that "we are glad that the Lebanese responded to our many requests to deal with military matters (and) are not being rhetorical."

The talks at the headquarters of the UN Interim Force in Lebanon (Unifil) have been deadlocked over who will control South Lebanon after an Israeli pullout.

The main subject yesterday was a plan presented by the Lebanese for the deployment of their army after an IDF withdrawal.

A Lebanese spokesman said his delegation presented a plan for the deployment of the Lebanese army south of the Litani River, 15 kms. north of the border.

"It seems the Israelis are positively minded about the plan," he said. Gutzit said Israel would reply to the Lebanese proposals at the next session scheduled for Thursday.

Israel's chief negotiator, Tat Aluf Amos Gilboa, has said Israel doubted the ability of the Lebanese army to keep Palestinian terrorists away from its northern border.

Israel wants Unifil troops to police all areas vacated by its estimated 12,000 soldiers and seeks Beirut's agreement on allowing militiamen of the Israeli-backed South Lebanese Army (SLA) to patrol a security strip near its border.

Lebanon objects to a security role for the SLA and to the deployment of Unifil peacekeepers near Syrian lines in eastern Lebanon. At the talks, Lebanon has said its army should take control of South Lebanon after an Israeli pullout.

## Murphy set to leave for Middle East

WASHINGTON (Reuters). — Assistant Secretary of State Richard Murphy is due to leave for the Middle East later this week to try to speed up negotiations on Israeli troop withdrawal from southern Lebanon, U.S. officials said.

Murphy returned from the region in mid-November following a stay of several weeks during which he said the U.S. was "prepared to be helpful, if asked, with respect to Lebanon."

The officials said there had been indications that Israel and Lebanon wanted U.S. help in the talks which have been bogged down over the question of who will police southern Lebanon after an Israeli pullout.

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## NRP votes to accept Religious Affairs Min.

**By MICHAEL YUDELMAN**  
**Jerusalem Post Reporter**  
TEL AVIV. — After a stormy executive committee meeting yesterday, the National Religious Party voted by secret ballot to accept the Religious Affairs Ministry and to let Shas have the Interior Ministry.

However, the NRP insisted that before Prime Minister Shimon Peres informs the Knesset of the portfolios' distribution, certain departments and functions pertaining to the religious councils and institutions be transferred from the Interior Ministry to the Religious Affairs Ministry. Only on this condition will the NRP agree to the portfolios' division, the NRP declared.

The vote in the NRP executive committee was almost tied, and followed strong arguments for one ministry or the other.

The Lamifne faction, whose members include both Rafael Ben-Natan and Yosef Burg, allowed its members a free vote. Ben-Natan, together with Yehuda Ben-Meir, engineered the plan to take the Religious Affairs ministry in an expanded form, while Burg, who preferred the Interior Ministry, was left out in the cold.

Expanding the Religious Affairs Ministry will require several legislative amendments.

As soon as the vote was over, party leaders telephoned Peres, who held intensive meetings with Energy Minister Moshe Shahal and Vice Premier Yitzhak Shamir to iron out the details on the portfolio allocations.

When Peres heard that the NRP had chosen the Religious Affairs portfolio, as had been expected, he called in Shas leader Rabbi Yitzhak Peretz and explained the situation.

Earlier yesterday Peretz had refused to accept any changes in the ministries, but later reportedly was prepared to accept most of the NRP demands.

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National Religious Party leader Yosef Burg casts his ballot yesterday in the vote on which government ministry his party will accept. (Dan Landau)

## Teachers to start school an hour late today

**By LEA LEVAVI**  
**Jerusalem Post Reporter**  
TEL AVIV. — Classes from kindergarten through high school will begin at 9 a.m. this morning instead of 8 a.m. in protest against the government's decision not to include the teachers in the national wage agreement.

The decision to open late was made yesterday morning by the Histadrut Teachers Union, and later in the day by the Secondary School Teachers Association. It followed Sunday night's meeting by Prime Minister Shimon Peres, Finance Minister Yitzhak Moda'i and Histadrut Secretary-General Yisrael Kessar, at which the teachers' demands were rejected.

Yitzhak Weibler, Secretary-General of the Histadrut Teachers Union, said he hopes this morning's one-hour strike will be enough of a warning to impel the government to "stop torturing the teachers" and to give them the 8 per cent wage increase which other public employees received.

Representatives of the two teachers unions will meet this afternoon to decide on further action if this morning's strike does not yield results by then. The Histadrut Trade Union Department will also meet today to decide on measures of solidarity with the teachers. Kessar promised yesterday.

In another development, top executives of the Histadrut Teachers Union, including the secretary-general, his deputy and department heads, have agreed to take a 10 per cent salary cut to save the union money. Also a committee has been formed to find other ways to save.

In Arad yesterday, Education Minister Yitzhak Navon announced that no second shift would be instituted at the country's kindergartens and schools. Navon was speaking at an annual meeting of directors of local council education departments.

## Police defuse bomb on Netanya corner

NETANYA (Iim). — An explosion at a busy Netanya street corner was averted yesterday when two alert pedestrians informed police there was a suspicious object near the Ata clothing store here.

Zahava Lifshitz of Kfar Vitkin and Albert Ohayon of Hadera noticed a strange-looking plastic bag on the corner of Dizengoff and Herzl streets. Demolitions experts arrived immediately and safely defused what

proved to be an explosive device. Police believe it was placed there by terrorists.

The bomb, which was the third found in the Sharon coastal region during the last month, could have caused extensive injuries and damage had it exploded, police said.

Police are calling on the public to be wary of suspicious objects and to report them immediately.

## Jerusalem dismayed at Camp David 'repudiation'

**By DAVID LANDAU**  
**Post Diplomatic Correspondent**  
There was anger and disappointment in Jerusalem last night at the Mubarak-Hussein joint communiqué issued in Cairo at the end of the King's visit there.

"A repudiation of Camp David," one source said privately. "Very serious," said another.

There was no official reaction pending a study of the full text this morning. Officials said they would also study "mitigating" remarks made yesterday by Egyptian Premier Kemal Hassan Ali.

Vice Premier Yitzhak Shamir, winding up the foreign policy debate in the Knesset today is expected to give formal voice to Israel's feelings.

Well-placed sources do not rule out a formal diplomatic protest by Israel.

Set against the joint communiqué from Cairo, Premier Shimon Peres's call in the Knesset yesterday for peace talks now seems to have a hollow ring. Peres invited Hussein to negotiations without preconditions, and pointedly noting that Mubarak had been "an architect of the peace strategy," urged Egypt to lead the way towards expanding the peace process.

Plainly he did not mean an expansion of the kind envisaged by the joint communiqué.

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## Shas MK says 'Almighty' is punishing IDF

**Post Knesset Reporter**  
MK Shimon Shlomo, the Shas man on the Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee, caused a furore at yesterday's meeting when he repeated a statement he made in an interview with *Kol Ha'ir*, the Jerusalem weekly, alleging that IDF casualties in Lebanon are the punishment of the "Almighty" for the sluttish behaviour of women soldiers.

Yosef Sarid (Citizens Rights Movement) accused Shlomo of "Khomineism" and charged that his yeshiva students had stood aside apparently unconcerned while 603 soldiers went to their death.

Sara Doron (Likud) said that although she did not usually line up alongside Sarid, she found herself 100 per cent in agreement with him.

The NRP executive committee yesterday roundly condemned Shlomo's allegation. The NRP said it was shocked "by this slander against the daughters of Israel, including religious women fulfilling their national duty."

## In joint statement with Hussein 'Self-determination' for Palestinians—Mubarak

**By DAVID BERNSTEIN**  
**Post Middle East Affairs Reporter and agencies**

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak yesterday joined Jordan's King Hussein in supporting "the inalienable right (of the Palestinian people) to self-determination in the form they see fit on their national soil," and stressed that the PLO is their "sole legitimate representative."

Mubarak's position, spelled out in a joint communiqué issued at the end of Hussein's landmark three-day visit to Cairo, would appear to indicate that in any future peace initiative, Egypt, like Jordan, would not be prepared to negotiate on the Palestinians' behalf without at least the tacit approval of the PLO.

This would appear to bring Egypt into line with Jordan on the question of the future of the West Bank and Gaza, making it highly unlikely that it will be able to negotiate the issue, as it has in the past, in bilateral talks with Israel.

Some of the rhetoric in the communiqué, too, was plainly at variance with the "spirit" of Camp David. The two sides rejected "Israel's expansionist policies" and stressed the need "to join efforts to regain usurped rights."

But asked whether the communiqué means Egypt has abandoned the Camp David approach, Egyptian Prime Minister Kamal Hassan Ali told reporters in Cairo last night: "We respect Camp David and respect our signature on it, but with our own interpretation."

"If Camp David is implemented in accordance with the Egyptian interpretation, this would be our most cherished aspiration and there would be no problem," he said.

Ali's remarks notwithstanding, it would appear that there has been a shift in Egypt's commitment to Camp David, and this is the most significant outcome of Hussein's visit — his first to Cairo since Jordan joined most other Arab states in severing ties with Egypt almost six years ago in protest against its peace treaty with Israel.

Mubarak and Hussein "agreed on the importance" of convening an international conference under the supervision of the UN, in which all parties concerned, including the (Continued on Page 2, Col. 2)

## Peres reacts to Hussein proposals

**By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN**  
**Post Knesset Reporter**

Israel is prepared to negotiate with Jordan or with a mixed Palestinian delegation — but not with one including PLO elements — Prime Minister Shimon Peres declared yesterday.

Making a brief government statement in the Knesset in the wake of the Palestine National Council meeting last week in Amman, Peres noted a number of proposals made by King Hussein.

The king had suggested that the council adopt Security Council Resolution 242, that it aim for "peace in exchange for land," that it enter negotiations under Jordanian-Palestinian partnership, and that it call for an international conference to settle the quarrel in the region.

Peres said that as for Yasser Arafat, he had retained the leadership but for the sake of unity within the PLO had not chosen a clear political line.

The prime minister said that from

Israel's point of view, 242 could be a basis for negotiations with Jordan but not a prior condition for talks. Negotiations must begin without prior conditions, with each side entitled to present its proposals, he added.

Peres claimed that the idea of an international conference was designed to deny Israel conditions of equality in negotiations. In a conference in which the most extreme representatives of the Arab world would participate, all the Arab states would be forced to adopt a more extreme position. Instead of conducting negotiations with Israel they would put pressure on us, he said.

Peres once again urged Hussein to enter direct talks with Israel without prior conditions.

"I can assure him on behalf of the entire government that any proposal he puts forward will be given respectful and serious consideration."

If Jordan is truly interested in peace, it should open negotiations immediately and conduct them with patience, the prime minister said. "We must be prepared to advance towards peace gradually, and not in a single leap."

By working gradually, he said, we (Continued on Back Page)

## Shamir: Hussein tilting toward Arafat

**By ASHER WALLFISH**  
**Post Knesset Correspondent**

Vice Premier and Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir said yesterday that from Israel's point of view, the rapprochement between King Hussein of Jordan and PLO chairman Yasser Arafat has negative consequences.

Briefing the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee, Shamir said that Arafat had not come closer to Hussein's position, but that the king had drawn closer to Arafat.

Shamir said Hussein is still insisting that Israel relinquish every cen-

timetre of territory, including Jerusalem.

Despite that, he said, Israel is still calling on Hussein to enter peace negotiations without prior conditions.

Replying to a question about the role of Minister without Portfolio Ezer Weizman, Shamir said that Weizman had not been granted any special authority in the sphere of foreign affairs. While Weizman may seek to become involved in the sphere, Shamir said, he was not aware of any particular action Weizman had taken.

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Gaza	64	64
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## SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Knesset Speaker Shlomo Hillel yesterday greeted at the Knesset Italian Ambassador Corrado Taliani and Italian Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs M. Bruno Corti.

The Rev. Dr. Robert Craig, minister of St. Andrew's Church, has been elected chairman of the board of directors of the Jerusalem International YMCA, succeeding Dr. George Giacomakis.

The Jerusalem Rotary Club collected over \$200,000 for Ethiopia's famine-victims at their weekly luncheon meeting.

## ARRIVALS

Police Minister Haim Bar-Lev, from London, after a 10-day information mission to England.  
Anne Oster, World Emissary vice-chairwoman, Chaya Zisboitz and Ruth Weil, from the Emissary seminar and conference in France and England.

## Herzog cable to Moslems on Mohammed's birthday

Jerusalem Post Staff  
President Chaim Herzog yesterday sent his best wishes to the Israeli Moslem community on the anniversary of Mohammed's birth, to be celebrated tomorrow. In a telegram to Sheikh Tufik Asiyeh, head of the Umm el-Fahm religious court, Herzog said he wishes most of all for peace between this country and its neighbors.

## Maccabi TA win

Post Basketball Reporter  
TEL AVIV. - Basketball champions Maccabi Tel Aviv yesterday took sweet revenge on Maccabi Haifa, the only team to have beaten them in the first round, by whipping the visitors, 119-95. The game was played at the Yad Eliyahu Sports Palace as part of the 12th round of National Basketball League action.

Tel Aviv shot with a blistering 64 per cent success rate in the first half to build a 71-40 lead. Kevin Magee's 35 points, 22 in the first half, led all scorers.

Other 12th round action: Hapoel Ramat Gan 104-Hapoel Haifa 97. Hapoel Holon 114-Kiryat Gat 97. Gan Shmuel 63-Afula 62. Galil Elyon 95-Betar Tel Aviv 89.

## Firemen strike today

HERZLIYA (Itim). - Fire stations in Herzliya, Ramat Hasharon and Kfar Shmaryahu are to be struck today by the local association of firefighters.

An association spokesman said firemen had no money to pay fuel and repairs to their vehicles, after income tax authorities attached funds coming from the Interior Ministry. The association owes back taxes to the authorities.

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## HOME NEWS

### Search continues for woman soldier

By DAVID RUDGE  
Jerusalem Post Reporter  
HAIFA. - Police Inspector-General Arye Itzhan declared yesterday there is no evidence of hostile Arab involvement in the disappearance of 20-year-old woman soldier Hadass Kedmi.

During a visit to the emergency police headquarters set up at Kedmi's kibbutz, Kfar Masaryk, he told reporters that all possibilities are being investigated.  
"The best way to ensure failure is to concentrate on only one theory," he said. Itzhan criticized reports that indicated "minority groups" were responsible for her disappearance.

The police chief, who discussed the progress of the investigation with senior officers, including the commanders of the northern and Haifa districts, said police aided by civil

guards, soldiers and thousands of volunteers, are doing everything possible to find Kedmi and another missing soldier, David Manos, who disappeared from Haifa on November 7.

Itzhan was asked why police had not mounted a similar large scale operation after Manos disappeared. The 21-year-old soldier from Petah Tikva was last seen trying to get a ride at a hitch-hiking post near the Haifa central bus station, not far from where Kedmi disappeared, on the Haifa coastal road at the junction with Derech Hayam, last Thursday night.

He replied that police had investigated the disappearance of Manos but said there are differences in the two cases.

Nevertheless, he called on the public and the news media not to put

pressure on the police because this will not help the inquiry.  
Itzhan said one of the positive aspects of the incidents is the amount of people who have volunteered and are helping in the search for the missing soldiers.

Nearly 4,000 people took part in yesterday's unsuccessful search including about 1,500 residents and children of local Druse and Arab villages.

The head of the Arab Sha'ab village in Western Galilee has offered a \$1 million reward for information leading to Kedmi's whereabouts.

This followed a similar reward offered by Kedmi's kibbutz.

Haifa District Police Commander Meshulam Amit said they had received several complaints of attempted kidnapping from the public since Kedmi vanished.

### Army radio head testifies for Sharon trial

Aluf-Mishne Ron Ben-Ishai, head of the army radio, yesterday was cut short by the district court in Jerusalem while giving testimony in supplementary hearings in the libel suit of Industry and Trade Minister Ariel Sharon against *Time* magazine.

A protocol of the hearings is to be sent to the New York court.

Under questioning by the magazine's legal representative, Ben-Ishai recalled how, as a military correspondent in September 1982, he called then-defence minister Sharon and told him of rumours that

"terrible things" were being done by the Phalangie in the Beirut refugee camps.

Ben-Ishai testified that he told Sharon that if the rumours were true, it would do great world-wide damage to Israel.

Ben-Ishai added: "Sharon didn't say anything to show he already knew or didn't know. He made no response or comment, not a single word."

When *Time*'s lawyer sought to follow this line of questioning further, the court prevented it.

The court also heard the testimony of Prof. Dan Horowitz of the Hebrew University, who had been permitted to testify by Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir only on condition that he not mention reprisal raids led by Sharon in the 1950s.

Horowitz, the author of a book on the IDF, testified that it had written of Sharon's military talents, but not his "battle morality". Thus, Horowitz said, "I wrote the truth but not the whole truth." (Itim)

### 'Time' correspondent claims Kahan verdict shows up Sharon

NEW YORK (AP). - The political re-emergence of Ariel Sharon "was a warning sign that something is rotten in the State of Israel," a *Time* correspondent testified yesterday at the former Israeli defence minister's \$50 million libel suit against the magazine.

Industry and Trade Minister Sharon is suing *Time* over an article about the findings of the Kahan Commission.

Sharon claims the article accuses him of encouraging the massacre at Sabra and Shatilla by Christian

Lebanese militiamen.

In his fourth day on the witness stand, David Halevy, *Time*'s Jerusalem correspondent, said the official inquiry into the massacre by the commission placed "a very strong verdict on him (Sharon)." He described it as "the mark of Cain."

"Minister Sharon was forced to resign. The Kahan commission practically fired him," said Halevy, adding that "15 months after the Kahan Commission report is out and Minister Sharon is riding very high."

Sharon's attorneys have maintained that Halevy had an anti-Sharon prejudice that appeared in his reporting.

Halevy's remarks came in answers to questioning about a letter he wrote a *Time* editor in New York last May asking to be reassigned.

Halevy added that the re-emergence of Sharon on Israel's political scene, as well as a conservative, hard-line trend and "Jewish terrorism" against Arabs "was a worrying sign, a warning sign that something is rotten in the state of Israel."

### Bus attack victim's family seeks damages

The family of a 20-year-old Bethlehem University student killed during October's rocket attack on an Arab bus in Jerusalem has filed a suit for damages against both the alleged murderer's family and the state because the attacker was a soldier and used a weapon stolen from the army.

Advocate Darwish Nasser said yesterday that he had filed suit for an unspecified sum on behalf of the family of Jamal Ismail a-Natar of Sa'ir, near Hebron.

The suit had been brought before the Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court, Nasser said, "because it was faster and the judges were more cosmopolitan than those in Jerusalem."

The state bore responsibility for the action of alleged murderer David Ben-Shimon of Jerusalem because it had failed in its duty to ensure that a dangerous weapon should not fall into the hands of irresponsible persons, Nasser argued.

### Druse, Lebanese army clash near Beirut

BEIRUT (AP). - Druse militiamen battled with Lebanese army troops in the hills overlooking Beirut yesterday and clashed in artillery duels with their Christian militia foes in the Kharroub region just north of Israel's occupation zone in southern Lebanon.

Police said one soldier was killed and another wounded in machine gun and rocket-propelled grenade exchanges between the army's garrison at the mountaintop village of

Souk el-Gharb and Druse militiamen in neighbouring villages. The soldier killed in the fighting was identified as a Lebanese army corporal, police said.

Local radio stations said the fighting in the Kharroub, which raged for the second straight day, turned to intermittent clashes after a security committee representing the army and Lebanon's principal civil war militias called a cease-fire.

### MUBARAK

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PLO and the two superpowers, would attend.

But beyond this agreement on the "importance" of the conference idea, Mubarak appears to have gone no further. Despite his apparent shift on Camp David, he has not abandoned his commitment to American-led diplomacy as still the best hope of prizing the West Bank and Gaza from Israeli control.

In recent public statements, Mubarak has said that he supports the idea of an international conference in principle, but thought it would not in that case? "Who would we talk to in that case?" Mubarak has been quoted as asking.

Jordan is publicly committed to the international conference idea, which it formally proposed at last month's Palestine National Council meeting in Amman. But this has been seen as largely a tactical position, with Hussein likely to fall into line, alongside Egypt, with a credible new American initiative.

Egypt and Jordan agreed, according to their communiqué, on "the importance of continued consultations and the need for joint action and coordination in Arab and international spheres" - a general statement indicating that, beyond a broad commitment to coordinate efforts, Egypt and Jordan have yet to arrive at an agreed formula for immediate action.

Such a formula would apparently be based on the joint commitment, stressed in the communiqué, to "UN Security Council Resolution 242, passed in November 1967, which established the principles of 'in-

admissibility of acquisition of territories by force and 'land for peace'" and "the Palestinian people's right to self-determination."

This could serve as the basis either for what still appears to be Mubarak's preferred new American initiative - provided that the two leaders' expressed commitment to "the Palestinian people's right to self-determination" and their reaffirmation of the PLO as the "sole legitimate representative" of the Palestinian people.

On other issues, "the two sides agreed on the need for exerting the utmost efforts to the end of realizing a complete, unrestricted and unhindered Israeli withdrawal from all Lebanese territory, and their support for all efforts aimed at enabling the legitimate Lebanese authority to ensure the sovereignty, independence and unity of its territories."

They also expressed their "deep concern at the continuing Iran-Iraq war, and while renewing their absolute support for Iraq in its just fight, they stress their support for all sincere efforts aimed at achieving a quick, effective solution to this war which is wasting both countries' material and human resources."

Hussein returned to Amman yesterday, after two rounds of talks with Mubarak and addressing Egypt's People's Assembly.

Six months in jail for illegal excavations  
KIRYAT GAT (Itim). - A man found guilty of conducting archaeological digs without a permit, and stealing antiquities, was sentenced yesterday by a magistrate's court judge here to six months in jail.

### CAMP DAVID

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The single most ominous passage in the communiqué, in Israeli eyes, is that proclaiming the Palestinians' "inalienable right to self-determination in the form they see fit on their national soil...the PLO is the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people."

This seems to flout the carefully worded - and carefully delineated - Palestinian "participation in the determination of their own future" as prescribed in Camp David. (It also clashes with the Reagan Plan.)

Well-placed sources bemoaned what they said was a vast discrepancy between this Egyptian public utterance and the tenor of private communications recently transmitted between Cairo and Jerusalem. "One just does not know which is the authentic position," the sources said.

They surmised that the tough tone of the joint communiqué reflected Hussein's and Mubarak's assessment that Yasser Arafat is about to make a diplomatic leap forward. "They want to cover themselves," Perhaps they think that Arafat's about to give Hussein at least an amber light (to negotiate)."

Those Israeli observers who detect two rival schools of thought regarding Israel within the Egyptian policymaking establishment will see the joint communiqué as signalling a success for the hardline (Osama El-Baz) school.

### Grocer found innocent of overcharging by IS7

A Boei Brak shopkeeper, who was accused of hiking prices, was found to be innocent yesterday after a judge established he had been harassed by two price inspectors seeking revenge.

Ya'acov Hayakar appeared in Tel Aviv magistrate court after two price inspectors charged him with having charged IS7 too much for cheese. Hayakar explained that he had been confused by price differences between two similar cheeses produced by two dairy companies.

Judge Yitzhak Braz said he doubted the version of events presented by one inspector and believed Hayakar's claim that they had sought revenge after Hayakar expelled one of them from his store. Hayakar had objected to the inspector's rude attempts to ingratiate himself with a woman customer.

### George Best jailed for drunken driving

LONDON (Reuters). - Former Northern Ireland soccer international George Best has been jailed for 12 weeks for assaulting a police officer, drunken driving and failing to answer bail. The 38-year-old former Manchester United forward pleaded guilty to all three charges before a London magistrate's court.



Prime Minister Shimon Peres (above right) consults with Deputy Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir at yesterday's Knesset session while (below left) Tehiya's Rafael Eitan deliberates with Mapam's Victor Shemtov.

### Taxi drivers win 23% hike

By YITZHAK OKED  
Jerusalem Post Reporter  
TEL AVIV. - The Israel Taxi Owners Organization decided last night to cancel their strike which was scheduled to start this morning.

They made this decision after learning that the ministerial monitoring committee of the package deal had agreed to grant them a 23 per cent increase in fares.

Avraham Matza, secretary of the Tel Aviv branch of the organization

said the 23 per cent increase was to have gone into effect on November, but was shelved because of the package deal.

The taxi drivers claimed this rise was to have compensated them for increases in operation costs during September and October.

Matza said the taxis, unlike the buses were not subsidized and any financial losses suffered by the taxi owners in the coming months would be negotiated with the government.

### Cabbie 'battles like tiger' when stabbed by passengers

HAIFA (Itim). - A taxi driver from Kiryat Ata was stabbed several times Sunday night by two passengers he described as Arabs.

The driver, Arye Damari, 35, underwent surgery at Rambam Hospital here. He spoke to police and reporters yesterday after the operation.

"I battled for my life like a tiger and I didn't give up," said Damari in describing the attack. "They stabbed and stabbed, but I didn't submit."

Damari was found lying on the road to Mitzpe Aviv in the Galilee at about 10:30 p.m. Sunday by a resident of the settlement who drove him to the hospital.

Damari reportedly said his attackers were aged about 25 and 40 and that they had asked him drive them towards Mitzpe Aviv. On the way they stabbed him.

They abandoned him on the road and stole his cab, he said. He walked along the road for a few hours before collapsing.

The burning taxi was found at midnight Sunday in an olive orchard not far from where Damari was found.

The commander of the Galilee region police has appointed a team under Supt. Yisrael Solomon to investigate.

### NRP VOTES

(Continued from Page One)  
After the meeting, Peretz rose and said a prayer of thanks to Shahal for all his efforts in the wrangle.

In answer to *The Jerusalem Post*'s question, Shahal, who drew up the legal arrangement, said "the prime minister is committed to bring to the Knesset the changes in the two ministries today, and he will keep that promise."

This morning, the document specifying the inter-ministerial alterations is to be presented to Interior Ministry Director-General Haim Kuberky and to Justice Minister Moshe Nissim, and they are to express their opinions about it before the cabinet meeting at 3 p.m.

Out of the 45 executive members who participated in the meeting, 27 voted for the Religious Affairs Ministry and 18 voted for the Interior Ministry.

Before the vote, Burg advocated voting for the Interior Ministry, explaining that it was a much more important, serious and influential

ministry than Religious Affairs. Burg noted that, in his opinion, there is a possibility that the Labour Party might not give a ministry with a \$270 billion budget to a man with no ministerial experience.

Burg attacked the press for blowing up the fight between him and Ben-Nathan.

This was the first NRP vote in many years that was conducted with a secret ballot.

### Bernard Kalb spokesman at State Department

By WOLF BLITZER  
Post Washington Correspondent  
WASHINGTON. - Secretary of State George Shultz has nominated veteran NBC news diplomatic correspondent Bernard Kalb as State Department Press spokesman.

After Senate confirmation, Kalb, 62, will replace John Hughes, who is leaving the government to return to journalism.

Kalb, who formerly worked for CBS News and *The New York Times*, is the older brother of NBC's State Department correspondent Marvin Kalb.

Bernard Kalb said he was surprised by Shultz's job offer two weeks ago.

Kalb has for years been one of the most aggressive questioners at the department's daily news briefings. Now, he will find himself on the other side of the dais, facing reporters' questions on all aspects of America's international relations.

Kalb will be the first Jew to hold this highly visible State Department post. He was born in New York City in 1922. He has been a frequent visitor to Israel, often accompanying various secretaries of state.

### Injured burglar caught while seeking treatment

BATYAM (Itim). - A burglar, who was shot by the owner of the apartment he had broken into yesterday, escaped but was apprehended by police when he came to Wolfson Hospital for treatment of his leg wounds.

The apartment owner, who has kept a gun in his home since a sabotage attempt against his building in 1979, was awakened by his wife at 4 a.m. after she heard noises. The owner found the burglar trying to climb over his first-storey balcony railing. He shouted at him to stop, but when the burglar tried to jump, he fired two shots.

The police said they would arrest the 20-year-old Bat Yam man as soon as he was discharged from the hospital.

### Kibbutz ostriches lay their eggs early

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
TIBERIAS. - The Kibbutz Haon ostrich farm reported yesterday that its first batch of eggs was laid over the weekend, three months earlier than expected.

The six eggs weighed 1.5 kilos each, and were 20 cm. in diameter. Managers of the ostrich farm on the eastern shore of Lake Kinneret said they were unable to explain why the eggs had arrived before the bird's expected nesting season.

The ostriches were acquired by the kibbutz about four months ago. The flock currently numbers about 90, and the kibbutz plans to expand it to 2,000. The birds serve as a tourist attraction at the kibbutz's lakeside campground. Plans call for exporting ostrich feathers, skins and meat.

FOREIGN CURRENCY. - Ashdod police yesterday arrested five persons found illegally in possession of foreign currency. They will probably be tried for illegal trading in currencies.

With great sorrow, we announce the passing of our dear mother and grandmother  
**FANNY RUBINOW**  
Deeply mourned by:  
Daughter, Shula  
Son, Alan, and daughter-in-law, Devora  
and grandchildren  
The funeral will take place tomorrow, Wednesday, December 5, 1984, at 3 p.m. at Holon Cemetery.  
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On the first anniversary of the passing of our beloved  
**IDA JUDITH JACOBS**  
(Warsawka)  
we will pay homage to her memory at the graveside on Tuesday, December 4, 1984 at 3 p.m. at the Segula cemetery in Petah Tikva. A lecture in her memory will be given on Monday, December 10, 1984 at 7:30 p.m. at the Organization of Vegetarians and Naturalists, 2 Rehov Bar-Kochba, Tel Aviv on "Awareness and Love of the Weak and the Elderly."  
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My beloved husband, our father and grandfather  
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Nefarim  
passed away on December 3, 1984.  
Funeral at Kibbutz Kfar Ezeron, Shiva at the home of Freya Krieger, Kfar Ezeron.  
AD020-06-724 The Family

Mrs. Gisele Serror  
her children and grandchildren  
Mrs. Jeanne Serror  
her children and grandchildren  
regret to announce the death in Paris on November 29, 1984, of their very dear  
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Recipient of the Legion d'Honneur  
Member of the Consistoire of Paris  
The funeral will take place in Jerusalem at the Mount of Olives cemetery tomorrow, Wednesday, December 5, 1984, at 12 noon.  
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## Mekorot strike today to disrupt water supply

By YITZHAK OKED  
Jerusalem Post Reporter  
TEL AVIV. — Disruptions in the water supply are expected today following the decision of the 3,500 workers of the national water company, Mekorot, to hold a 24-hour warning strike.

The strike is in protest against development projects being transferred to private companies despite a government promise that such work would be carried out by Mekorot.

Workers are also angered that kibbutzim in the North have been permitted to develop their own water projects.

Workers are also demanding that TAPline, which in the past used to pump oil from the Arabian Desert to the Mediterranean, should be under

their supervision and maintenance. According to reports, the pipeline is to be adapted to pump water to settlements in the Golan.

Workers pointed out that they had acceded to a demand from Minister of Agriculture Arye Nehamkin and agreed to the firing of hundreds of workers in order to ensure work for those remaining.

"Despite this and promises by different ministers who supervise governmental budgets, different national water projects are being given to other companies," the spokesman said.

Nehamkin said yesterday that all promises to Mekorot workers would be honoured and that he was surprised that the workers had decided to carry out their strike.

## Cheque bounces so IEC cuts power

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
TEL AVIV. — The Israel Electric Corporation yesterday morning cut off power to the Kfar Kasim water pumping station, after a cheque for \$1.96 million that was to cover the town's electric bill bounced.

The IEC also sent warnings to the

Upper Nazareth municipality to pay its \$12m. bill by today or have the power for its street lights cut off tonight.

The corporation spokesman said the municipality would have to take responsibility for the security risk of darkened streets.



Health Minister Mordechai Gur speaks to a 100-year-old resident of a Jerusalem old age home during his visit to the institution yesterday.

## Absent Sharon blamed for delaying sale of Ata firm

By DAVID RUDGE  
Jerusalem Post Reporter  
HAIFA. — The absence of Industry and Trade Minister Ariel Sharon is holding up the possible sale of the Ata textile concern to a potential purchaser and bringing its closure and the subsequent unemployment of some 3,000 workers nearer, *The Jerusalem Post* was told yesterday.

Senior sources in the Haifa Labour Council charged that potential buyers did not have anybody to negotiate with in the absence of Sharon, who is in the U.S. for his libel suit against *Time* magazine.

The sources maintained that negotiations could only progress once potential buyers knew the type and size of assistance the government is prepared to give.

One of the crucial issues in the possible sale of the ATA is the government's willingness to help the textile industry in general. It has promised to ease the industry's problems, but hasn't specified how, said the sources.

Sharon himself is reportedly trying to interest an American firm in the purchase of Ata while in the U.S. The sources pointed out, however, that such interest would be conditional upon a free trade agreement between the two countries which has not been officially concluded.

The sources maintained that nobody in the industry and Trade Ministry or other bodies handling the Ata crisis is prepared to take responsibility to assist the sale of Ata.

The council secretariat yesterday called on the government to implement measures to ensure the sale of the textile concern. It also demanded the removal of the December 28 deadline for Ata's closure unless a purchaser is found.

Labour Council official Avraham Hamairi, who is handling the Ata crisis, said of the deadline that it was impossible to conduct serious negotiations "when a pistol was being pointed at our heads."

Moshe Wertman, the council's secretary, warned that unless a buyer is found within a week, it would call out all Haifa district workers together with Ata's employees for strikes and demonstrations.

## Levy rejects plea on service in Lebanon

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
KIRYAT SHMONA. — Reservists will be called to serve in Lebanon no matter where they live, IDF Chief of General Staff Rav Aluf Moshe Levy has written to a group of Golan women settlers.

Last week, the women asked Levy not to send large numbers of Golan men to Lebanon at the same time because this caused unbearable tension in the settlements.

In his letter Levy said: "Service in Lebanon is one of the IDF's important functions. There has not been and there will be no connection between anyone's place of residence and the decision to send him to Lebanon."



Five young dancers limber up for the latest drive to promote grapefruit consumption. Part of an eight-member team, they will appear in a service message on Israel TV and dance in the streets of Tel Aviv.

## MKs deprived of five-star hotel lodging

By JUDY SIEGEL  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A Jerusalem five-star hotel is sending a letter today to each of the 40 Knesset members who stay at the hotel two nights a week, saying it cannot afford to lower its rates to the \$35 that the Knesset will soon allow them.

Jerusalem Hilton manager Dan Barkai said yesterday that the letter was a token of "warm parting" from the MKs, who, he said, received "six-star" service at the five-star hotel while paying a four-star rate.

The Knesset House Committee decided recently that MKs residing outside Jerusalem who stay in the capital will be entitled to only \$35 for bed and breakfast per day (plus expenses), that is, the equivalent of a three-star hotel rate. Up to now the MKs received \$50 — the equivalent of the four-star hotel rate.

The Hilton, now celebrating its 10th anniversary, has been "home" to MKs almost since it opened because of its policy of treating MKs as preferred guests and its proximity to the Knesset. It also opened an MKs' club that entitled the parliamentarians to free drinks and fruit upon returning from a hard day's work and to wine and

cheese in their rooms.

The Hilton manager said that a nearby five-star hotel has offered the MKs accommodations at three-star prices, since it is half full this winter. But they are making a mistake, he said. "For how can they send them away when the hotel is full in the summer? Housing them then will entail a big loss."

Labour MK Jacques Amir of Dimona, who for nine years has stayed at the Hilton when the Knesset was in session and who serves as a liaison between the MKs and the hotel management, said he'll be sorry to leave the hotel, with its swimming pool and health club facilities.

"One thing I know is that I can't afford to add \$15 a day from my own pocket. I can barely make ends meet as it is on my salary," said Amir.

The last thing that a handful of MKs can do is to negotiate with a fancy hotel for bargain rates, he said, because "then the others will get mad." Anyway, he added, "maybe it's time we cut down on our comforts."

But he guessed that a number of MKs with independent means would remain at the Hilton or other five-star establishments because they had the money.

## Dental care survey II

## Private clinics fill a definite need

D'VORA BEN SHAUL  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Dental health care in this country is often inordinately expensive and sometimes substandard. This situation has paved the way for a large number of new commercial dental clinics, which seem to be filling a definite need.

Although school programmes for children exist, and the Histadrut's Kupat Holim runs its own clinics, these are not always as good as they seem. School programmes, funded by the Health Ministry, are good at pointing out what needs to be done for a particular child, but the doing in most cases is dependent upon the resources of the family. The clinics run by the Histadrut's Kupat Holim Klalit, the most popular of Israel's health funds, looks good at a glance.

In fact, however, its prices are not half those charged by private dentists, as claimed, but about half those charged by the most expensive specialists. Nor are there as many dentists as the fund claims because they also list dentists who only work a few hours a week, and what they call a "dental unit" is really only a dental chair. Moreover, most of the dental clinics are situated in heavily populated urban areas.

When commercial dental clinics began to open in the early 1980s they immediately concerned both the Israel Dentists Association and the

Health Ministry. The care given in these clinics, according to Health Ministry sources is very much like that in private dentistry — either very, very good or very, very bad — depending on the dentist.

But both agree that the commercial clinics are all violating the law. The law today says that doctors and dentists may not advertise. The same law forbids a non-dentist (or non-doctor) to be the employer of a dentist or doctor. Therefore, these clinics appear to be breaking the law which, in fact, is honoured only in the breach. The clinics ask why a health fund may employ doctors and dentists and freely advertise although a clinic may not. Insurance companies, kibbutzim and other institutions freely hire medical practitioners. In the writing of this series, this reporter was warned by a Health Ministry official that the *Jerusalem Post* will be breaking the law forbidding medical advertising by naming any commercial clinic.

The Health Ministry's Public Health Dental Section chief, Dr. Moshe Kelman says it is a mistake to lump all the commercial clinics together. Some give good service and some are very bad. This is also true in the private dental-care system.

Changes in the law will probably come if there is enough public demand but changes in attitude is

another matter. Many users of these clinics are entirely satisfied with the care they get and the price they pay. One clinic in the north recently signed a contract with Elbit employees to provide dental care to the workers and their families despite the fact that all the Elbit workers are members of the health fund and may avail themselves of the health fund dental clinics available. But the prices quoted by the commercial clinics are cheaper and the payment plans more liberal. How can these clinics charge less and often give good service? Although the Dentist's Association has often implied that the supplies used by them are sub-standard, this is not always the case. Much of the savings are accrued from the low overheads in the clinics whereas the average private dentist has an enormous overhead. In a clinic the dentist is paid either by the hour or by the procedure done.

Kelman says he lacks the staff to crack down on inept clinics and poorly trained dentists. Moreover, he says, taking legal actions to close clinics or forbid some dentists from practising is a long and involved process. But several suits, he says, are currently pending.

(This is the second of a three-part series.)

## L'Alliance Francaise to reopen J'lem centre

By ASHER WALLFISH  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

L'Alliance Francaise, which disseminates French language and culture in more than 100 countries, will soon be flooding Jerusalem with 100,000 questionnaires, asking interested Israelis what sort of activities they might like to take part in when the new cultural centre opens in Jerusalem early next year.

Replies to the questionnaire will qualify for a list of prizes, including a return air ticket to Paris, courtesy of Air France.

French Ambassador Jacques Dupont, at a press conference at Beit Agron in Jerusalem yesterday, said that with the ongoing rapprochement between Israel and France, the opening of the cultural centre had symbolic significance. The absence of such institution in Jerusalem for the past 14 years had been felt, Dupont said.

The old centre was closed in 1970 because of the chill in Franco-Israeli relations after the Six Day War.

Andre Chouraqui, a former Jerusalem deputy mayor who heads the Jerusalem committee of the Alliance, noted that apart from the Jerusalem centre, the French authorities had never closed a similar centre in any other country.

Marc Agi, the centre's director, said that the 800 square metre building in Rehov Agron would provide ample room for more than a dozen activities all to run simultaneously.

The questionnaires, printed in French, English, Hebrew and Arabic, are to appear in newspaper advertisements, and can also be picked up at the French consulate-general near the King David Hotel in Jerusalem.

## Abnormal embryos detected in eighth week of pregnancy

By D'VORA BEN SHAUL  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A new laboratory enabling detection of abnormal embryos as early as the eighth week of pregnancy was opened yesterday.

It is part of a new department of laboratories at Ichilov Hospital, Tel Aviv.

According to Prof. Cyril Legum, of the genetics laboratory, the new technique, which has proved highly accurate, will examine the amniotic fluid surrounding the embryo.

The technique, which allows detection of mongoloid and other chromosomal defects earlier than the present 15 to 18 weeks, has attracted attention from Orthodox circles and representatives of Rafa, the Jerusalem-based Organization for Medicine According to Jewish Law, attended the opening ceremony.

Both Orthodox rabbis and Moslem kadis view intervention during the first few weeks of pregnancy in a different light than the deliberate abortion of a fetus at four or five months.

The technique, say rabbinical sources, may be an answer to this Halachic problem.

But Legum stresses that the laboratory cannot do further research into early defect detection unless it acquires funds for this purpose.

Other laboratories include an entire complex of biochemical laboratories for testing and diagnosis which will serve Tel Aviv's three urban hospitals, Ichilov, Rokach and the Kirya Hospital recently named the Ferlin Hospital. There is also to be a special laboratory for arthritis and arthritic conditions.

## NII cuts pay to children abroad

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The National Insurance Institute during the past year stopped paying allotments to about 3,800 children who left the country and remained abroad for more than six months.

Rina Barcay, director of children's benefits at the NII, said the stoppage of payments is a regular administrative action, made according to periodic checks of border crossing statistics. The NII began making random checks in 1979, Bar-

cay said, and since 1981 the process has been computerized.

According to law, any child who spends more than six months abroad is not entitled to receive the NII benefit, except for special cases.

For example, Barcay explained, the children of official emissaries and certain quasi-governmental bodies — who pay income tax and NII premiums in Israel — are entitled to receive the allotments, though they live abroad for an extended period.

## Woman injured when gas blast wrecks flats

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — An 80-year-old woman was seriously injured when a gas explosion wrecked her home in Rehov HaShmonaim, Kiryat Yam, yesterday morning, the police reported.

Nobody else was hurt, but two other flats on the same floor and a third apartment directly above were extensively damaged.

Police said it was an accident. The fire brigade spokesman said the explosion had left all four flats in such a dangerous condition that they were no longer habitable.

## Parasitology centre opens at Weizmann

REHOVOT. — A parasitology research centre, headed by Prof. Ruth Arnon and supported by the MacArthur Foundation of Chicago, was inaugurated at the Weizmann Institute yesterday.

It will conduct research into parasitic diseases, which affect some three billion people worldwide.

SAFETY. — The Forum for a Jewish Israel of the Labour Party called yesterday on Prime Minister Shimon Peres to earmark funds for the installation of safety dividers on all the country's roads.

## "I got a Hanukkah present this year!"

The Jerusalem Post's 36th Annual Toy Fund provides Hanukkah gifts to Israeli children in government institutions and foster homes. Your generosity makes it possible. Please, continue.



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## TV slot for 'Hello Jerusalem' series

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The documentary series *Hello Jerusalem*, which is seen by American viewers on cable television and was initiated as a joint venture between the Jerusalem Communications Centre and *The Jerusalem Post*, is due to be screened on Israel TV on Fridays at 3.30 p.m., beginning December 14.

The programmes, which will cover many facets of life in Israel, will be broadcast in English with Hebrew subtitles.

The IBA board of management yesterday also discussed two new programmes. One is scheduled to be

an economic commentary to be hosted by Abraham (Buma) Shavit, former head of the Israel Manufacturers Association, and the other a programme for tourists.

Tuvia Sa'ar, director of Israel Television, may serve a second three-year term of office, providing there is no opposition by Israel Broadcasting Authority director-general Uri Porat. Sa'ar's present term expires in February, 1985.

## American Jews to raise funds for Ethiopians

MIAMI BEACH (AP). — A drive to fund a tent city that would provide shelter for 6,000 starving refugees fleeing Ethiopia's famine was announced on Sunday by leaders of American Reform Judaism.

"Our gift will be the most precious gift of all, the gift of life," said Rabbi Alexander Schindler, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

Schindler said the campaign would help build and supply one of several tent cities in Ethiopia being coordinated by Abie Nathan.

The UAHC ended its semi-annual convention Sunday after its policy-making board of trustees issued a resolution authorizing the Ethiopian relief appeal. The group is composed of 770 Reform synagogues with a membership of 1.25 million.

While no campaign goal had been set, Schindler said the UAHC hoped to raise an initial sum of \$250,000, which he said was enough to construct and supply a village of 600 tents sheltering 6,000 refugees.

FINED. — The Egged bus cooperative was fined \$200,000 in a Tel Aviv magistrate's court yesterday after being convicted of failing to



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CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AT DECEMBER 31, 1983

(In US Dollars)

A) CONDENSED HEAD OFFICE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS		31.12.1983
31.12.1982		
609,441,427	Share Capital Reserve and Surplus	562,985,886
1,517,801,020	Life Assurance Fund	1,462,477,114
297,062,149	Unexpired Risks Reserve — General Insurance	288,884,669
708,821,695	Claims Outstanding:	
318,535,872	Life and General Insurance	705,455,978
	Sundry Accounts payable	342,110,996
3,451,662,163		3,361,914,623
1,182,676,690	Investments	2,481,640,463
706,225,999	Real Estate	603,805,003
1,405,212	Fixed Assets	3,662,445
	Other Assets:	
1,561,354,262	Sundry Accounts Receivable	272,806,712
3,451,662,163	and Cash	3,361,914,623

B) STATISTICAL INFORMATION IN RESPECT OF INSURANCE REVENUE AND PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT		1983
1982		
373,518,575	Life Assurance — Premiums less Reinsurance	364,113,028
793,026,799	General Insurance — Premiums less Reinsurance	770,830,728
24,574,153	Life Assurance — Profit (including investment income)	24,810,789
13,465,242	General Insurance — Profit (including investment income)	13,522,251

STATISTICAL INFORMATION IN RESPECT OF REVENUE AND PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT — ISRAEL AGENCY		(In Israel Shekels)
20,967,477	Premiums earned and Registration Fees — General Insurance	82,619,951
(2,711,643)	Loss on Insurance	(12,515,146)
1,722,977	Income from investment less expenses, not included in Insurance Accounts(*)	7,111,151
(988,666)	Profit (Loss) for the year	(5,403,995)
(*) After transfer of income to Insurance Account of IS 34,131,857 (last year IS 7,697,435)		

INVESTMENT POSITION AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1983		
19,319,000	Liabilities in Israel	69,580,000
22,141,000	Admitted Assets in Israel	50,146,000
(2,822,000)	Excess of Liabilities over assets	19,434,000

Note: The original Financial Statements of the Company are rendered in Italian Lire currency and converted into US Dollars at the prevailing rate of exchange. Complete and detailed Financial Statements, together with Directors' Report and also Auditors' Report thereon are available at the Office of Principal Agents, Kaplan, Naim & Co., 2, Hagdud Ha'ivri St., Tel Aviv.

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## Iraqi jet fighters attack Cypriot oil tanker near Kharg Island

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP). — Iraqi jet fighters rocketed a Cypriot-registered super-tanker in the Gulf waters south of Iran's Kharg Island oil terminal yesterday, marine salvage sources here and the Iraqi military high command in Baghdad reported.

An Iraqi military spokesman said on the state radio that an unidentified "large naval target" was hit by jet fighters which "returned safely to base."

Marine shipping sources here and

in Dubai identified the stricken tanker as the Minotaur, a 386,343-ton tanker flying the Cypriot flag.

They said it was on its way to Kharg to be loaded with crude oil at the time of the attack.

The vessel reported that a rocket had hit the engine room and set it ablaze, the sources said.

Three of the 27-member crew were missing, the captain of the vessel reported.

## Kenya and Somalia bury the hatchet

NAIROBI (AP). — Kenya and Somalia, former foes in East Africa, have signed a series of accords including a border peace pact, Nairobi newspapers reported yesterday.

The agreements were signed on Sunday before a top-level Somali government delegation left Nairobi after spending a week in the Kenyan capital.

## Thousands poisoned by cyanide leak in India

NEW DELHI (AP). — An early morning gas leak yesterday from an American multinational chemical corporation's plant in central India killed 304 people and injured 10,000 others, the government announced.

The United News of India news agency, however, quoted unofficial estimates as reporting that about 500 people died in the gas leakage.

Arjun Singh, chief minister of Madhya Pradesh state, said the Union Carbide factory in the state capital of Bhopal, about 600 kilometres south of here, sprang a leak of methyl isocyanide pesticide from one of its three underground plants.

Singh told a news conference that 304 people died in the leakage, described by Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi as "horrible," and added that the casualty toll might rise because more bodies were expected to be discovered.

Two thousand people were hospitalized with serious injuries and 8,000 others returned home after receiving medical aid at hospitals.

The official said the Union Carbide

plant had been shut and would not be allowed to start production again.

The injured reportedly suffered swollen eyes, frothing mouths and breathing difficulties.

The company's managing director said the cyanide gas leaked when a valve in the plant's underground storage tank broke under rising pressure.

The leak quickly spread to an area of about 40 square kilometres, Bhopal's residents fled to neighbouring towns soon after the leak.

Waiting women with babies in their arms and children clinging to their saris were seen moving out of Bhopal on roads leading to nearby cities and towns. UNI said, adding that people separated from families were weeping on roadsides.

Several policemen and other rescue workers were affected by the gas, and many journalists who visited the affected areas complained of irritation in their throats and eyes.

UNI reported.

## I was assaulted and robbed, Polish priest says in leaflet

WARSAW. — A Roman Catholic priest said Sunday he was assaulted in his church rectory last month by two masked men who tied him to his bed, pricked him with a bayonet and burned parts of his body before leaving with a small amount of cash.

Rev. Eugeniusz Kosciolko, 45, said in a leaflet prepared by the outlawed Solidarity trade union and circulated to western reporters that he was assaulted by two men who entered his Lublin apartment on November 20.

He added: "I do not rule out any possibility of link" between the attack and the October slaying of a pro-Solidarity priest, the Rev. Jerzy Popieluszko.

In another incident, an underground activist in Solidarity was beaten to death by unidentified assailants in Lublin in October, said

a Solidarity leaflet given last week to western reporters.

The autopsy on the activist, Stanislaw Chac, said he died as a result of a blow to the head, the leaflet said. It said pins had been pushed under his fingernails and concluded he had been tortured by his assailants.

Meanwhile, in Warsaw, Poland's parliament yesterday voted unanimously to dissolve on August 31 and clear the way for the country's first general election since 1980.

Parliament's four-year term should have ended last March but was extended because of the political situation since the outlawed Solidarity free trade union was suppressed under martial law.

The 465-member body is dominated by the Communist Party and its allies. (AP, Reuters)

## Don't dump drugs here Thai students warn U.S.

BANGKOK (Reuters). — Several hundred students marched on the U.S. Embassy here yesterday to demand the defeat of legislation they said would dump drugs, too hazardous for Americans, on the Third World.

They carried banners reading: "Thailand is not a dumping ground for your garbage. This is not your experimental animals."

A Students Federation of Thailand memorandum given to the embassy said legislation sponsored by Senators Edward Kennedy and Orrin Hatch would end a ban on exports of drugs not approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administra-

tion.

It said a statement by Hatch that the proposed laws would still require highest standards of quality "implies nothing else but second-rate standards of quality for second-rate consumers in the Third World."

It said approval of the 1984 Pharmaceutical Export Amendment "would enable American drug firms to use people in the Third World as guinea pigs for experiments of their products."

Rally leaders said embassy officials declined to discuss the proposed legislation but promised to forward the memorandum to President Ronald Reagan and Congress.

## Athens bomb blast kills disposal expert

ATHENS (AP). — A home-made explosive device placed under a car belonging to the Iraqi Embassy here went off yesterday, killing a Greek bomb disposal expert as he tried to defuse it.

Another bomb disposal expert was injured in the blast, according to a police announcement.

The car was parked near the embassy offices in the fashionable Athens suburb of Philothei, a police spokesman said.

The bomb was one of three placed under Iraqi Embassy cars parked in different residential suburbs of the Greek capital. The other two did not go off.

No organization immediately claimed responsibility for placing the three bombs.

Last weekend seven explosive devices went off in different areas of the Greek capital, slightly injuring three people. A previously unknown group calling itself November 21 claimed responsibility for several of the blasts.

Hisashi Nakatomi, an official of the ministry's UN bureau, said the number of refugees — defined as people forced to leave their homelands to avoid political persecution or similar dangers — totalled 12.86 million this year, based on refugee

reports from the UN High Commission for Refugees and other UN data.

Many of the refugees are Palestinians, Ethiopians and Afghans, Nakatomi said.

He said the number of refugees has increased with each major political change over the past 10 years — the Ethiopian revolution in 1974, the unification of North and South Vietnam under Communist rule in 1975 and the Afghan revolution in 1978.

## 20 Tamil detainees slain in 'escape bid'

COLOMBO (AP). — Twenty Tamil terrorist suspects in custody at an army camp were killed yesterday in what the state radio called an escape bid.

The broadcast said a group of Tamil separatists attacked the army camp in Vavuniya in north Sri Lanka by January 14, escalated attacks that have cost more than 200 lives in the last two years.

The prisoners tried to escape and guards opened fire, it added.

Yesterday's killings were the latest since the separatists, who have said they will proclaim a new Tamil state of Eelam in northern Sri Lanka by January 14, escalated attacks that have cost more than 200 lives in the last two years.

The IRA later issued a statement saying five of its members had planted a land mine on the road and were waiting for police to answer a fire bomb warning at a nearby hotel when they were spotted by the army patrol. It identified the slain civilian as IRA member Anthony McBride.

The army said Lance-Corporal Alistair Slater, 28, a paratrooper, was killed.

Meiring, who said Libya had been involved with Swapo since 1980, told the radio that a number of Swapo guerrillas had been killed or captured while wearing Libyan uniforms.

## South African says Libya training Swapo men

WINDHOEK, Namibia (South West Africa) (Reuters). — Guerrillas of the South West African Peoples Organization (Swapo) are undergoing training in Libya, the officer commanding South African military forces in Namibia said yesterday.

Major-General George Meiring told the South West African Broadcasting Corporation in an interview

## Fire attack on home of president in New Caledonia

NOUMEA, New Caledonia (AP). — The house of the president of the Territorial Government was set on fire on Sunday and a bomb was thrown at the home of a separatist leader who offered to hold talks with French officials.

No injuries were reported in either attack.

Separatist leader Jean-Marie Tjibaou said Melanesians seeking independence for the French territory were ready to talk with the newly appointed French government representative as soon as certain obstacles were removed.

Territorial President Dick Ukeiwe, who met with French President Francois Mitterrand in Paris on Saturday, rejected proposals for talks with the Melanesians, or Kanaks as the original inhabitants of the Pacific Island group are called.

Authorities here said Ukeiwe's house on Lifou Island in the Loyalty Chain was burned, but it was not known who was responsible.

Later a bomb was thrown at Tjibaou's home in Kouio, a Noumea suburb, security officials said. No individual or group has asserted responsibility.

Tjibaou was installed Saturday as president of a "provisional government" by the Melanesians' militant Kanak Socialist National Liberation Front.

Police wrested control of the village of Thio, on the eastern coast of New Caledonia's main island, from Melanesian militants who had held it for 10 days, officials reported. No injuries were reported.

## Receiver rebuffed in bid to recover UK miners' funds

LONDON (AP). — With British miners' leaders vowing to continue their strike whatever the cost, a court receiver tried and failed yesterday to lay his hands on £4.3 million in union assets in a Luxembourg bank.

As the strike entered its 39th week, the receiver, attorney Herbert Brewer, went to the offices of Nobil Finanz International hoping to recover the money. It is part of £8.9m, in miners' funds a London court ordered seized when the union refused to pay a contempt of court fine.

But bank officers kept their doors closed and refused to come to the phone to speak to Brewer. The receiver said he was discussing the situation with attorneys in Luxembourg.

Arthur Scargill, fiery Marxist President of the National Union of Mineworkers, declared Sunday that the nearly nine-month-old strike would go on until the National Coal Board, which runs Britain's 174 state-owned coal mines, withdraws plans to close money-losing collieries.

## Fourth baby dies after getting Aids blood

BRISBANE (Reuters). — A fourth baby has died in Queensland, Australia, after receiving blood contaminated by Aids (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome), a hospital spokesman said yesterday.

The hospital declined to give further details. The government said last month that three other babies had died after transfusion of blood donated by a 27-year-old male homosexual.

Health officials said last week that about 300 people in Australia were known to be suffering from Aids, with 30 in the advanced stages of the disease. There is no known cure.

## Rebels attack steamer in southern Sudan

KHARTOUM (AP). — A river transport carrying port and passengers was attacked by unidentified rebels as it sailed on a regular voyage in south Sudan on Sunday, the Sudan News Agency said.

Suna quoted armed forces spokesman Major-General Babiker Abdulrahman as saying that the rebels ambushed the boat just after its departure from Bor, 1,050 kilometres south of here, for Kosti 165 kilometres to the north and fired several shots at it.

Abdelrahman said that an accompanying launch escaped the rebels fire and returned to Bor, where its crew reported the incident. He added that a unit of the Sudanese forces then rushed to the scene and began a "mopping up operation."

## Soviets to be quizzed over mid-air near-miss

STOCKHOLM (AP). — A Scandinavian Airlines System airliner with more than 100 passengers aboard was involved in a near-miss when a Soviet Aeroflot aircraft crossed its route south of Moscow, a SAS spokesman said.

The SAS DC-8 was on its way from Karachi, Pakistan, to Copenhagen, when the Soviet plane appeared two kilometres ahead, said the spokesman. He added that Soviet aviation authorities would be asked to explain the incident, which occurred on Sunday.

ROYAL VISIT. — Prince Charles and his wife Princess Diana will visit Italy in April on a tour which will include an audience with Pope John Paul. Buckingham Palace announced yesterday.

## Sports

## Balance key to Hap TA success

By DON GOULD  
Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Hapoel Tel Aviv who had six players in double figures in their Sunday night league victory over Maccabi Ramat Gan will again be relying on a well-balanced scoring attack to get their European Cup winners' Cup semi-final campaign on the road in style. But now 10-2 in league action, the Israeli club have their hands full in tonight's opening game at the Ussishkin stadium.

Their opponents Villerbaud of France are a formidable combination. The visitors, with five players on the French national squad, have been in fine fettle this season and sporting a 9-1 record in their league which puts them in a three-way tie for first place with Limoges and Stade Francaise.

Barcelona, another of the hopefuls in this group, have sent a scout to spy out the strengths and weaknesses of both their future opponents.

Starting five for the 8.30pm contest: VILLERBAUD (Goal) Jacques Monclair, Alain Larroque, Noris Bell, Stange Veboue, Philip Szanyel and Willy Redden. Coach — Alain Gilles.

HAP, TA — Pinhas Horoz, Mike Large, Willy Sims, Lavonne Mercer and John Willis. Coach — Yehoshua Rozen.

## Swedes underline their growing power

MELBOURNE (Reuters). — The growing dominance of Swedish players on the international men's tennis circuit was further emphasised yesterday when teenager Stefan Edberg swept into the quarter finals of the Australian Open.

Edberg, last year's world junior Grand Slam champion brushed aside American Lloyd Bourne 6-2 6-2 6-2. But the 18-year-old is certain to be tested to his limits next when he meets Sweden's top player, Mats Wilander, the defending champion here.

Wilander, who emphasised the power of Swedish tennis with a grinding 2-6 6-1 6-2 6-3 win over another Swede, Stefan Simonsson, said afterwards that he was getting used to playing his countrymen. Sweden has four players ranked in the top 16. Edberg, an aggressive serve and volleyer, looks certain to improve on his 21st ranking although he is cast in a very different mould to the traditional Swedish baseliner.

Others to qualify already for the quarter finals are the favourite young set of Australia Pat Cash who put out John Sadri in straight sets, and the 1982 champion Johan Kriek who easily dispatched another Australian John Frawley.

Veteran Australian Wendy Turnbull beat Steffen Wies to qualify for the women's semi-finals. She plays Chris Evert Lloyd who cruised past France's Sophie Amiel 6-2, 6-1 to chalk up her 1000th career victory.

## Marino's record compensation for loss

NEW YORK (AP). — Dan Marino of Miami set a touchdown passing record, but Mike Haynes' two interceptions — one returned 97 yards for a touchdown — and Marcus Allen's three TD runs led the Los Angeles Raiders to a 45-34 victory over the Dolphins in the centerpiece of Sunday's National Football League action. Marino went into the game sharing the NFL record of 36 TD passes in a season with Y.A. Tittle and George Blanda. He came out of it with 40 for the year — with two games to go.

The Raiders' record is now 10-4 which just about guarantees the defending Super Bowl champion an American Conference playoff berth. Miami, 12-2, are tied with Seattle for the AFC's best record.

The prize for each conference's top team is the home field in all playoff games. San Francisco locked that up in the National Conference with a 35-17 victory in Atlanta.

In other games, Seattle crushed Detroit 38-17, the Los Angeles Rams shelved New Orleans 34-21, Kansas City upset Denver 16-13, the New York Giants defeated the New York Jets 20-10, Dallas ripped Philadelphia 26-18, St. Louis beat New England 33-10, Green Bay pounded Tampa Bay 27-14 and Buffalo downed Indianapolis 21-15. In two overtime games Houston surprised Pittsburgh 23-20 and Cincinnati shaded Cleveland 28-17.

## Umpiring questions after Indian victory

BOMBAY (Reuters). — India ended a three-year spell without a Test victory here yesterday when they overcame stiff resistance by the England tailenders to win the first cricket Test by eight wickets.

Striving desperately to avoid their eighth defeat in a run of 13 Tests without a win, England managed to avoid the ignominy of an innings defeat only through a ninth wicket stand of 62 between Dennis Lillee and Peter Doolan (22 not out). But their gutsy stand served only to delay the inevitable. Having resumed at 238 for seven, England were bowled out for 317, India lost two quick wickets before consulting in their first victory since they beat England here in December 1981. The young spinner Sivaramakrishnan again had marvellous figures, 6-117.

The match was marked by a number of controversial umpiring decisions and Indian captain Sunil Gavaskar spoke out in favour of the appointment of neutral umpires in Tests.

## Goal gluttons

By JACK LEON  
Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The National Hockey League's seventh season of competition started with a flourish over the weekend, with four games producing no fewer than 15 goals.

The women's "A" team of the American International School in Kfar Smaryah led the way, beginning the defence of their title with a resounding 4-0 victory over Hapoel Ra'anana. For the in-form AIS — who finished runners-up at the recent Brussels international schools field hockey championships — there were two goals for Karen Eller.

The new AIS "B" side blotted the students' copy book, however. They went down 3-2 to Nitzana Sports Club for whom Michelle Watson scored twice.

Among the men, Hapoel Ra'anana also started with a defeat, looking anything like defending champions. They suffered a shock 3-1 loss to Maccabi Tel Aviv. Two of Maccabi's goals came from Warren Berman. Glen Whitehead, also netted twice in Jaffa's Tabeta School's 2-0 win over Netanya.

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In one of his mini-polls MACABEE DEAN tries to assess how much thefts and burglaries cost the nation.

## Fighting theft is big business

TEL AVIV. — Preventing theft and burglary is big business in Israel. How much it costs, nobody knows. At least all those questioned in an information-seeking mini-poll yesterday had no exact information, nor had they ever heard of any survey of how much this type of crime costs the individual, business establishments and the State.

The representative of one retail chain said that shoplifting accounted for about one per cent of his annual turnover, while protecting his premises and warehouses cost him almost another half of one per cent a year. But he had no idea how much of his taxes, both personal and business, went to maintain the police, the courts, the prisons.

Another person estimated the total cost at roughly \$500 million. "But this is only a guess," he said. "At any

business premises and another 113,790 involved private homes. These figures mean that approximately one out of every five families reported a "property crime" to the police in 1983. And undoubtedly thousands more cases go unreported, for many persons believe that police effectiveness in catching the criminals, or in recovering stolen property, is nil. Therefore, those who do report to the police do so more to provide evidence for the insurance companies than for any other reason.

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To these 40,000 persons must be added several thousand of the 18,000 strong police force. And there are thousands more working as prosecutors, lawyers, court personnel, jailers and social welfare workers.

To all this manpower should be added about 1,500 persons employed in some 70 large and small factories which manufacture security devices. It is estimated that they produce several hundred million dollars worth of protective devices, ranging from old-fashioned bars for windows and balconies, to steel doors, special locks and electronic alarm systems.

About a dozen of these plants export, and their exports brought in \$70 million in 1983.

Many of these companies install their anti-burglary devices by themselves or through affiliates. But it is believed that another 60 companies are active in the field of installation only.

Many of these devices are standard. At present, the more reliable companies, the Standards Institution, the Association of Watchman companies, and the insurance companies are trying to reach agreement on minimum standards. (Some of the electronic devices go off in damp weather; some of those which detect "presences" in a building can be set off by a cat.)

And in the field of insurance, there is no breakdown of how many man-hours are devoted exclusively to this subject, although the insurance companies themselves employ several thousand persons. And of course, part of the work of the insurance agents is also devoted to the subject.

At any rate, the insurance companies estimate that they pay out between \$70m. and \$80m. a year to cover claims of this sort, and another \$10m. goes to cover thefts from cars



Police sergeant-major Mark marks car radio with electric pen, so that it can be identified in case of theft. (Yisraeli)

rate, internal security costs a huge sum, even compared to national security.

One reason for the vagueness of this estimate is that there is a serious overlapping of the available means of protection and their various costs. A general insurance policy provides protection against many things, not only theft and robbery, but also against fire and water damage. And how many of the country's 18,000 policemen are engaged solely in preventing crimes of this sort?

What did emerge, however, is that few industrialists and shopkeepers, not to speak of householders, are happy with the present situation.

There were some 190,000 offences against property in 1983, according to police figures. Of these, some 19,000 involved break-ins at busi-

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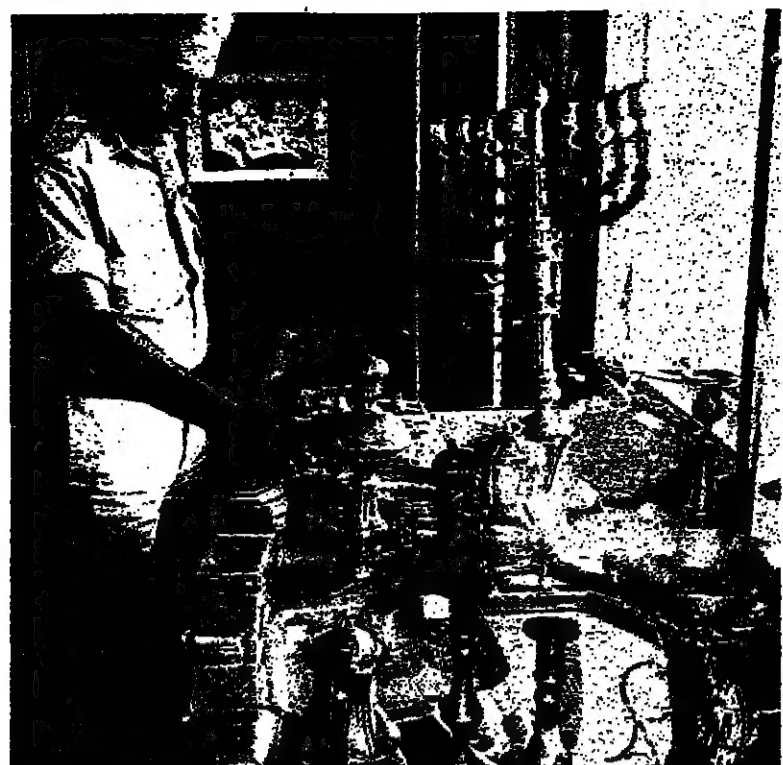
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High police officer displays recovered stolen objects waiting to be claimed by owners. (IPFA)

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## Tadiran's refrigerator plant so busy it needs second shift

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — A factory in Haifa has become perhaps the hottest spot in the current job freeze, and it manufactures... refrigerators.

One of Israel's success stories, the Tadiran factory for Galaxy refrigerators and air-conditioners, has had to start a second shift to keep up with demand. "We're already employing 1,000 workers, benefiting Haifa and the surrounding area with jobs and we may need even more," Refi Friedman, marketing director at Tadiran told The Jerusalem Post yesterday.

Even now that the package deal has slightly cooled off demand, it still takes four months from the time a Galaxy is ordered until it can be delivered. This means that the plant has at the very least four months of work assured.

Some customers have already been waiting five months "because

the Galaxy's success exceeded our highest expectations," Friedman said. Since production started in April, "we've been so inundated with orders that we bring in raw materials by air, at great cost, to keep up with demand."

Buying a Galaxy is not a minor outlay, with its current price at \$600,000. But Tadiran sells it like hot-cakes, thanks partially to its offer of making delivery after four or five months at the price fixed when the order signed and payment was made.

Persons who ordered at the beginning of July, for instance, and still haven't got delivery, paid only \$210,000.

In hardship cases, when a customer's own refrigerator breaks down, "we supply a temporary unit until the order can be filled, at great cost to ourselves," Friedman said.

He said that while production figures are a trade secret, "they total several thousand a month."

## Only Egypt rivals Israel in cost of holiday package

By HAIM SHAPIRO  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The average price for a winter package tour to Israel from Europe is more than that to any other Mediterranean holiday spot, except Egypt.

This was revealed yesterday during a study session related to the drawing up of a new tourism master plan. The last tourism master plan was unveiled in 1975 and has not been updated.

Oded Loketer, of Tahal, an engineering advisory firm, told of a study conducted in England, France and Germany comparing a week-long tour, including airfare, offered by various travel agents. The average visit to Israel from the UK came to \$628, while a stay in Greece was \$239, Tunisia, \$201, and Portugal, \$138.

A prospective tourist from France would find a week in Israel costing him \$579, but a similar holiday in Morocco coming to \$388 and Spain \$452. The study also revealed that Israel gets only 4 to 5 per cent of the space allocated to winter holidays in agents' brochures.

As for prices within Israel, excluding the air fare, the study showed that the country was more expensive than some, but cheaper than others. Prices were fairly reasonable for room with breakfast, but tended to rise sharply for half-board holidays and even more for full board.

A number of the speakers noted that although the 1975 master plan had indicated the need for low-priced hotels for popular tourism, the bulk of the hotel rooms built during the ensuing period were actually four and five-star establishments.

## Plea to release funds for new industry in development towns

By AARON SITNER  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Between 2,000 and 3,000 new jobs could be created in development towns if the government made a slight alteration in its recent decision to temporarily freeze all future business contacts.

This was stated yesterday by Yoram Bilovsky, director of the Israel Investment Centre, an affiliate of the Ministry of Industry and Trade. He said that plans for more than \$700 million worth of new in-

vestments in development towns — where unemployment looms — have accumulated at the centre, and these schemes have been found eligible for state participation. However, because of the freeze these ventures cannot progress.

If the government permitted a thaw in the freeze, even if only for the development town projects, this would not only provide additional jobs, but would also contribute to the economy approximately \$175m. annually in exports, Bilovsky added.

So far, Industry and Trade Minister Ariel Sharon has been unsuccessful in his attempts to persuade the government to remove the restrictions on its participation in new development town enterprises. One of his proposals — to provide the Treasury with the funds needed for the participation — was that the state sell off some of its merchandise stockpiles, thus transferring some of the country's investment in goods to vital development town ventures.

Bilovsky said that Prime Minister Shimon Peres is to meet soon with Finance Minister Yitzhak Moda'i in an effort to find ways for resumption of state assistance to investors willing to locate in development towns.

## Toxic waste fears as dump site reopens

By LIORA MORIEL  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA. — "The national site for the disposal of Israel's toxic wastes is now open and operated by law, with a proper business licence, as we abide by all the demands stipulated by the various ministerial bodies," Danny Ne'eman, chief engineer for Mivnei Ta'asiya told The Jerusalem Post yesterday. Mivnei Ta'asiya, a government company under the Ministry of Industry and Trade, is operating the site, which is situated in Ramat Hovav, 12 kilometres south of here.

Before reopening in October of this year, the site had been closed for two and a half years because of fire.

While Ne'eman is confident that the current management will properly store the dangerous materials now being trucked to the site from all over the country, he claimed problems would arise if Ramat Hovav became a general garbage dump.

"We can absorb the toxic wastes, but if appropriate installations are not built soon to treat the materials, the site will be full within a year or two and will no longer be able to function. In October Mivnei Ta'asiya submitted a master plan for the construction of these installations but the ministry has not yet decided on either a budget or a timetable."

## Upgrading food standards in hotels

By HAIM SHAPIRO  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

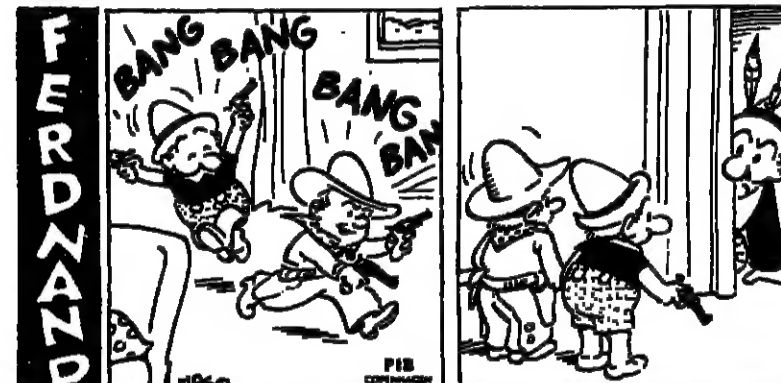
When hoteliers and restaurateurs are asked about the level of their kitchen and dining room staff, the answer all too often is: "That's what's available today," according to Max Werblowsky, lecturer in hotel management at the Technion. Werblowsky was speaking on professional ethics at the first annual convention of food and beverage personnel, which opened in Jerusalem's Binyanei Ha'uma yesterday. He went on to stress that part of the job at the managerial level in these professions is to train staff, and not accept them as they are.

He noted that some of the questions those involved in serving food to the public have to ask themselves

is whether the food itself is on a sufficiently high level, if the service is not too slow, if hygiene is adequate and if advertising is true. All too often one forgets that the aim is the satisfaction of the guest.

Other areas where professional ethics are often lax is in the failure of hotels to cooperate with each other. "Who doesn't know what kind of answers one is liable to get in response to requests for information for help," he said.

During the three-day conference the participants will attend lectures and workshops on serving, planning and marketing. Some 40 chefs and barmen are due to participate in a series of individual competitions in such areas as main courses, pastry and mixed drinks.



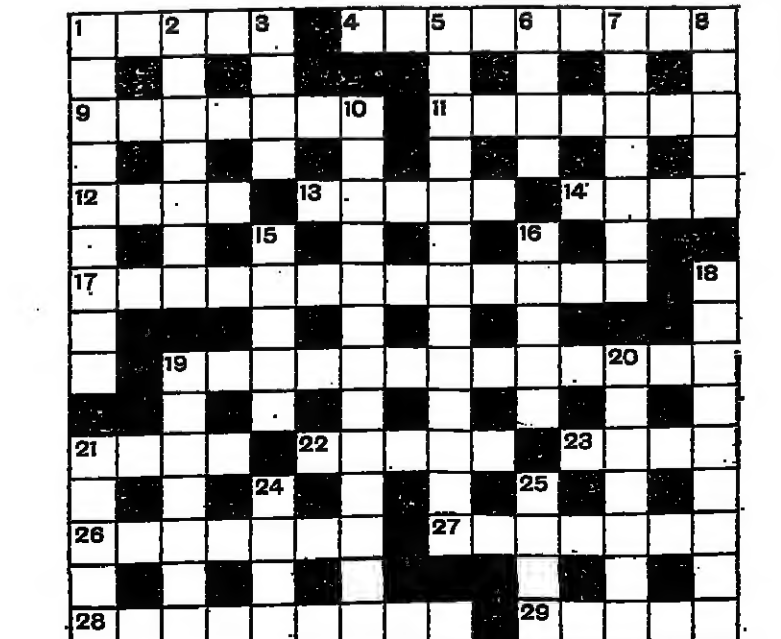
## ONE-AND-ONE CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- Tree juice I'd think of as tasty (5)
- Exhort the unwashed classes to be honest (4, 5)
- Recollect one turn in atomic theory (7)
- Don't admit a TV interviewer with a sulky expression (4, 5)
- What thou must eat by the sweat of thy face, though it wouldn't seem so (4)
- Stamp of honesty? (5)
- Quantity of liquid needed for a short girl (4)
- Definitive work situation the Government must contend with (3, 10)
- One can only hope that it is soluble (6, 7)
- Beware the hole in the rocks (4)
- Blacken the name of Nippon (5)
- All-round embargo applied to port (4)
- Smuggled sherry and plunder (7)
- He scored with a book to behold (7)
- It can never again strike a perfect colour combination (4, 5)
- The most insignificant left the orient (5)

DOWN

- The only one in a suit wearing underwear (9)
- On maturity fruit provides cover for birds (7)
- Move swiftly as a West Country river (4)
- Leaving no doubt as to what moving a mountain entails? (6, 2, 5)
- Boasted of floating company (4)
- Noise or scattered rain and wind can cause it (7)
- South African place of birth (5)
- Habit of East Anglia perhaps derived from Ulster (7, 8)
- Spring in the Iberian kingdom (5)
- Large part of the Bible abbreviated for an unreasonable man (5)
- Blooming young girl's introduction to society (5, 3)
- Plain goods vehicle stuck between the New World continents (7)
- Herbaceous plant oil able to be refined (7)
- Commanding Officer embarrassed and disheartened (5)
- Agricultural land not near a motorway (4)
- Live up to a sinful reputation (4)



## GENERAL ASSISTANCE

**EMERGENCY PHARMACIES**

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Tel Aviv: Hakira, 19 Ibn Gvirol, 226686, Concept, Neot Akko, 490029, Netanya: not available.

Ramat: Gula, 12 Hermon, 641466.

**FIRST AID**

Magen David Adom emergency phone numbers (round the clock service):

Ashdod 41333, Jerusalem 525133, Ashkelon 23333, Kiron 34442, Bat Yam 585555, Kiryat Shmona 44334, Beersheba 78333, Netanya 92333, Carmiel 98855, Netanya 23333, Dan Region 781111, Petah Tikva 923111, Eilat 72333, Rehovot 51333, Hadera 22333, Rishon LeZion 942333, Haifa 51333, Safed 30333, Hatzor 36333, Tel Aviv 240111, H-Don 80333, Tiberias 90111.

Mobile Intensive Care Unit (MICU) served in the area around the clock.

101 Emergency phone number in most areas.

Rape-Crisis Centre (24 hours), for help call Tel Aviv, 234819, Jerusalem — 810116, and Haifa 88791.

"Ezer" — Mental Health First Aid, Tel.: Jerusalem 669911, Tel Aviv 261111, Haifa 672222, Beersheba 418111, Netanya 35316.

For information on Battered Women Shelters call Family Violence Service — 03-21675/2392, or any of the Rape Crisis Centre or Eran hot lines.

Jerusalem Center for Drug Abuse and Misuse Intervention, Tel. 66382, 663902.

14 Bethlehem Rd.

**FLIGHTS**

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Call 03-972484 (multi-line)

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03-381111 (20 lines)

**POLICE**

Dial 100 in most parts of the country. In Tiberias dial 924444, Kiryat Shmona 4444.

**QUICK CROSSWORD**

8 Become void through time

9 Eager in love

10 Shutting

11 List of courses

12 Finish

13 Left-overs

14 Also

15 German wine

16 Language of Flanders

17 Brief rest

18 Coast-line

19 Refrain of song

20 Frequently

21 Ripest card

22 Looked over with criminal intent?

23 Strike coins

**DOWN**

1 Comfort

2 Highest

3 Vision

4 Weaving machine

5 American elk

6 Soft paper

7 Canine disease

13 Pertaining to home

16 Speech of praise

17 Refrain of song

19 Frequently

20 Ripest card

22 Looked over with criminal intent?

23 Strike coins

**Yesterday's Solutions**

**ACROSS**

- Tumbled
- Dover
- Mumps
- Studied
- Dresser
- Theme
- Mayhem
- Advised
- Grant
- Warbler
- Actively
- Nepal
- Eract
- Deepest
- Down
- Unfold
- Monument
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## Opposition says gov't sold British Telecom too cheaply

LONDON (Reuters). - Shares in British Telecom, the state telephone company, nearly doubled in price when trading opened yesterday following the world's biggest share issue, enabling some investors to reap instant profits.

The partly-paid 50 pence (59 cents) shares were bought by enormous demand but few sellers and opened at 95 pence (\$1.14) on the London Stock Exchange.

The £3.9 billion (\$4.64b.) sale, more than four times oversubscribed, was billed by the Conservative Government as a runaway success.

But opposition Labour Party politicians, who had opposed the sale, the biggest so far in Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's privatization programme, alleged that the government had sold off British Telecom too cheaply.

"It is incredible that the government will try to present the sale of a major British asset at a knock-down price as a success," said Alan Williams, a party industry spokesman.

Bryan Gould, a Labour Party trade spokesman, said the size of the oversubscription proved that the government had misjudged the price "at a considerable cost to the taxpayer."

Brokers said larger investors, many of them excluded from the public offer, were pushing up the price sharply.



Italian Deputy Foreign Minister Bruno Corti (at left) heads his country's delegation at the meeting in Jerusalem yesterday of the Joint Israel-Italy Economic Committee. The Israeli delegation is headed by Foreign Ministry Director General David Kimche (second from right). (Netman)

## Dunlop Tires struggling to get back on the road

LONDON (Reuters). - Dunlop, the British firm which became a household name making car tyres, is hoping the patent medicines of Britain's industrial witchdoctor Sir Michael Edwards can nurse it back to financial health.

Squeezed by recession and unfavourable exchange rates, undercut by competition and hamstrung by an unhappy merger, Dunlop staggered a year ago into the arms of its bankers.

Since then an international group of 46 banks, helped by the Bank of England, has been implementing a drastic rescue plan.

One consequence was a boardroom shake-up last month in which 11 directors either quit or were sacked and Edwardes, the South African-born businessman credited with saving the state carmaker British Leyland (BL) was named executive chairman.

Another was Dunlop's complete withdrawal from its original business, European tyre manufacturing, to concentrate on other regions and other products - notably sports goods, such as tennis racquets.

With debts still exceeding £300 million (\$360m.) and the balance sheet still deep in the red, there is a long way to go before Dunlop looks healthy again.

It is expected to focus in future on its sports equipment business and may even sell its remaining U.S. tyre interests.

The company takes its name from John Boyd Dunlop, a Belfast veterinarian who in 1888 patented a rubber tyre for bicycles. By 1916 it was a booming business with a big "Tyre Town" headquarters in Birmingham.

## Phoenicia opens new \$25m. production line

HAIFA. - The Phoenicia glass company has opened a new \$2.5 million production line for ornamental coloured glassware for the home and export market, the Haifa Labour Council spokesman has announced.

The company is now inviting artists and designers to produce special Israeli designs for the new range of products.

The spokesman said the aim was to compete with imported ornamental glassware and to establish high-quality Israeli products of this kind.

## Bank of Israel exchange rates

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December 3, 1984	
U.S. dollar	588.27
British sterling	701.31
German mark	188.52
French franc	61.547
Dutch guilder	167.08
Swiss franc	229.14
Swedish krona	66.452
Norwegian krone	65.414
Danish krone	52.384
Finnish mark	90.086
Canadian dollar	443.99
Australian dollar	502.09
South African rand	316.87
Belgian franc	93.782
Austrian schilling	268.31
Italian lire (1000)	305.06
Japanese yen (100)	236.92
Irish pound	586.06
Spanish peseta (100)	338.31
Jordanian dinar	1447.1
Lebanese lira	73.080
Egyptian pound	452.97

## MARKET STATISTICS

General Share Index	630.32	+3.05%
Non-bank Index	456.05	+2.58%
Arrangement Index	752.26	+3.24%
Industrial Index	522.25	+2.10%
Bond Index	499.66	+0.63

Shares	18,500.9m.
Bonds	15,427.7m.
Totals	33,928.6m.
Advances	136
Declines	57
Independents	143
of which 5% +	14
of which 5% -	4
"Buyers only"	35
"Sellers only"	14

4% fully-linked:	Rises to 3.5%
3% fully-linked:	Mixed to 3%
60% linked:	Rises to 3%
90% linked:	Rises to 3.5%
Double option:	Rises to 3.5%
Most-linked:	Mixed to 2%

## Most Active Shares

Hapoalim	16250	18295.0m.	+600
Leumi	10400	15142.9m.	+400
Mizrahi	9845	15112.4m.	+300

## FOREIGN CURRENCY

INTERBANK SPOT RATES:	
US\$	1.1919/1.1920
DM	3.1180/3.1190
Swiss Fr.	2.5680/2.5695
Belgian Fr.	62.696/62.7
French Fr.	9.5520/9.5540
Italian Lire	1926.75/1927.25
Yen	248.27/248.35
GUL	0.9865/0.9870

FORWARD RATES:	
1 month	1.1904/1.1910
3 months	1.1840/1.1845
6 months	1.1780/1.1785

## New York Stock Exchange

D.J. Avg.	1182.52	-6.41
Transport	523.13	+8.8
Utilities	144.38	-1.23
Volume	93,571,700	

D.J. LIST	
Allied Chem.	-35%
Amer. Brands	-63%
Amer. Can.	49
Amer. Exp.	-35
Amer. T & T	189
Boji Steel	-16%
Du Pont	46%
East Kodak	71
Exxon	43%
Gen. Elec.	-54%
Gen. Food	-53%
Gen. Motors	75%
Goodyear	24%
Int'l Harv.	119%
Int'l Paper	7%
Int'l. Nickel	30%
Int'l. Nickel	87%
Int'l. Nickel	78%
Int'l. Nickel	10%
Int'l. Nickel	39%
Int'l. Nickel	38%
Int'l. Nickel	32%

## Shares show strong gains for 2nd day

TEL AVIV. - The surge in share prices that exploded on Sunday spilled over into yesterday's trading, though with diminished force. Bonds were only slightly ahead and Treasury bills continued to climb, while volume in them fell back from Sunday's record.

The share market rally is a purely interest-rate based phenomenon. In this respect, shares are behaving in textbook manner, and it is relieving to know that the market, sparsely traded though it is, is responding to economic fundamentals in the prescribed manner. Clearly, with the cost of money falling 40 per cent in the course of a month, it would be highly unnatural were "free" shares not to be a major beneficiary.

The rally began, in fact, in the second half of last week, when it became more and more likely that a third cut in interest rates within one month was in the offing. Wednesday and Thursday were good and better for the share market, but Sunday, was best of all. Yesterday, almost inevitably, the pace slackened, though not by much.

Nevertheless, the pattern of market activity over the month that the package deal has been in force, and in the course of which there have now been three separate rounds of interest rate declines, is now clear. The rises begin by people (traders and others of the inner circle) "buying the rumour." They peak as the rumour becomes fact - the traders "sell the fact," just like the book says - and then peter out.

## MARKET COMMENT

By PINHAS LANDAU

Each successive cut in rates provides a further shot in the arm for the market. Volume, however, never expands sufficiently to allow the market to really take off. For all that, as the statistics reviewed on Friday proved, the period as a whole has been a good one for share prices.

Over the last two days share volume has been over 152 billion, or twice the recent average level, and about \$3.5 million. Over half of this has been in free shares, another basically positive development. However, the analysis of the rises has varied over the two days, showing how the rally has flagged.

Whereas on Sunday the 3.74 per cent rise in the General Share Index was led by a 5.55 per cent gain in the non-bank index and restrained by the 2.90 per cent move in the "arrangement" bank group, yesterday's 3.05 per cent G.S.I. rise was mainly due to the 3.24 per cent increase in the "arrangement" shares and only secondarily to the 2.58 per cent gain managed by the non-bank index.

Similarly, whereas Sunday saw gains of 6-7 per cent in several sectors, such as mortgage banks, real estate, industrials and investment companies, the highest performing sector yesterday only showed a 3.57

per cent rise. This was real estate companies, with investment companies not far behind on 3.31 per cent. Industrials fared badly, showing only a 2.1 per cent move.

Even more telling are the advance decline ratios. Sunday witnessed an almost unprecedented 34:1 lead of advances over declines, as 405 issues rose (208 by 5 per cent more, 101 of these being "buyers only") and a measly 12 issues fell (6 by 5 per cent or more, zero "sellers only"). Even the unchanged list only mustered 70 members on that day.

Yesterday was quite different - indeed, it could hardly have been better. The main advance: decline ratio fell to 6:1, as 336 issues rose and 57 fell. Sharp movers of 5 or more per cent were 10:1 in favour of the upside, (143:14) and "buyers only" numbered 14, while 4 issues made it onto the "sellers only" table. A full 102 were unchanged. Most telling of all, perhaps, in terms of highlighting the fact that the steam has run out, is the very short list of only 13 issues which were marked "buyers only" for the second successive day.

In short, the market is technically overbought, and a consolidation must be expected before the upmove can continue. However, a change of atmosphere is always possible, and represents a permanent possibility. Talk of subsidy cuts will be inimical to the share market's well-being, while continued discussions based on extending the period of the package deal will be beneficial.

## Tel Aviv Stock Exchange daily price quotations

Company	Price	Change	Company	Price	Change	Company	Price	Change	Company	Price	Change
<b>Commercial Banks</b>											
OHR	7896	+4	Hotels, Tourism			Asses	5020	+2	Gal Ind 1	1964	+0
Martinite	2739	+16	Gal Zohar	700	+5.3	Angel	5000	+5	Gal Ind 2	708	+1
Manume	560	+0	Dunlop	700	+5.3	Shemen	1374	+10	Deviex	708	+1
Non-art	740	+25	Leumi	700	+5.3				Formis	550	+10
Bank Leumi	16250	+600	Leumi	700	+5.3				Formis	550	+10
N. Amer.	1937	+29	Leumi	700	+5.3				Formis	550	+10
N. Am. op	3789	+40	Leumi	700	+5.3				Formis	550	+10
Danot	344	+74	Leumi	700	+5.3				Formis	550	+10
Bank Leumi	16250	+600	Leumi	700	+5.3				Formis	550	+10
Danot 2	518	50	Leumi	700	+5.3				Formis	550	+10
Firstint	845	157	Leumi	700	+5.3				Formis	550	+10
FIBI	764	1654	Leumi	700	+5.3				Formis	550	+10
<b>Commercial Banks (part of "arrangement")</b>											
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## Still beyond reach

CAN THIS country, even while struggling against overwhelming economic odds, take time out to advance the cause of peace with its neighbors?

Addressing the Knesset yesterday, Prime Minister Shimon Peres said that Israel was not only able but willing to do so. He invited King Hussein, again, to start direct negotiations, without preconditions. Or rather on one, standard Israeli condition: that the Jordanian delegation, even if including Palestinians, should exclude outright PLO operatives.

All Jordanian proposals, Mr. Peres promised, would be given careful consideration—and, he implied, they did not have to be confined to the Camp David framework.

There is no need to assume that the premier expected anything but a negative response to this invitation. King Hussein's position on peace had been clear enough the day before in a highly symbolic gesture following his arrival in Cairo: while laying a wreath on the tomb of the unknown Egyptian soldier, he contemptuously ignored the nearby grave of the late President Anwar Sadat.

King Hussein is now prepared to realign Jordan with Egypt in a "moderate" Arab front. He accepts Sadat's premise that the conflict with Israel cannot be settled by force of arms. But he will not forgive the assassinated Egyptian leader's failure to ensure that, along with Sinai, the other territories—all of them—reverted to Arab rule.

That, he repeated in his speech to the Egyptian People's Assembly, should be effected through an international conference on the Middle East, held under the aegis of the two super-powers and with the participation of all the parties to the dispute, including the PLO.

It would be underestimating King Hussein's grasp of reality to assume that he is unaware of the slim chance that any such conference would actually be held in the foreseeable future. He must have been informed that neither the U.S. nor Israel would attend it. Perhaps, then, his open advocacy of the idea is a way of signalling to the Americans his displeasure over their reluctance to lean on Israel to vacate the West Bank.

Hussein also got Egypt's President Mubarak to endorse the idea of the international conference, a departure from Egypt's previous positions. Last night's joint communique indicated that Mubarak is prepared to align himself solidly with Hussein, so much so that it is not at all clear anymore where Camp David fits into Egyptian policy. The final communique revealed that, like King Hussein, Egypt recognizes the PLO in its present unregenerate form, as the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people, and that the Palestinian people should achieve their "inalienable right to self-determination in the form they see fit on their national soil."

Presumably both Hussein and Mubarak, despite their reference to an international conference, hope that the U.S. will still put the screws on Israel to comply with Arab demands.

But they may well be disappointed. For it would be surprising indeed if Mr. Reagan, through a premature new initiative, were to divide and topple the national unity government—and thus improve the prospects of Israeli hardliners in the next election.

This might seem to place the ball right in Israel's court. Except that the Arabs, by their obduracy, are snatching it back again. An Israeli appeal for direct talks to Jordan, therefore, carries no risk that it might have any follow-up.

## PERES REACTS

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can remove many obstacles on the path—strategic and psychological—and advance the interests of both countries in the direction of an improved economic situation, neighbourly relations, and an atmosphere that will make possible a permanent solution.

Peres told the Arabs in the territories that "autonomy in the immediate stage, not sterile terror," would ensure their future and enable them to live a better life.

As for Egypt, Peres said that Israel sees that country as the leading candidate to lead the Middle East from the Arab side towards peace in the entire region. President Mubarak was one of the shapers of Egypt's peace strategy, "and I hope that he will continue to lead it on a regional scale."

Peres said that it was time to stop talking about negotiating and to start negotiating. Neither side would accept the view of the other before negotiations. Peace could be achieved only by an open dialogue, he added.

Udi Lando (Likud-Herut), making his maiden speech, said that while Egypt appeared to be retreating from Camp David we must stick to it. With 36,000 settlers in Judea and Samaria, we cannot return a single centimetre.

Those who want peace will find us ready to talk. Those who expect us to yield will find us strong and determined, he added.

Elazar Granot (Mapam): "Hussein has now come out for 242. That

was a gesture to the prime minister who said in the Knesset a year ago (when he was in opposition) that we should not insist that Jordan accept Camp David, to which she was not a party, but to agree on 242. Hussein says peace for land. What is that but the Alignment's territorial compromise? So what is Peres waiting for?"

Geula Cohen (Tehiya): "The Likud's Camp David option and the Alignment's Jordanian option are both dead. Mubarak is daily hammering nails into the Camp David coffin, and Hussein has slammed the door on any territorial compromise. Arafat has not become more moderate, while Hussein has become more extreme."

Yossi Sarid (Citizens Rights Movement): "Labour is about to let a chance for peace slip away again. The unity government should have welcomed Hussein's initiative as a reasonable opening position for negotiations, from the Arab standpoint. And it should have announced that if the PLO adopted the Jordanian formula it could also be a partner in the peace talks."

Abdel Wahab Darousha (Alignment) made a personal statement at the close of the session in which he said that in his attempt to get to Amman last week, he did not represent anybody. He had gone on his own initiative in the hope that he could address the PNC. It would break the tragic cycle of Israel-Arab wars.

The debate is scheduled to be concluded this afternoon.

## NAKOURA TALKS

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non after the Israeli leave.

The Lebanese spokesman, Lt. Col. Bassam Sa'ad, told reporters yesterday's session: "I am rather optimistic."

An Israeli military source said the Lebanese delegation "put forward a plan for deployment of the Lebanese army for the first time."

While the Lebanese have said from the beginning of the talks that they wanted the Lebanese army deployed all the way to the border, yesterday's statements indicated that the two sides were actively exchanging views rather than presenting sweeping proposals.

"Both sides realized they had to soften their positions," the Israeli source said. But he added that Israel still sought a role for the SLA in the border area.

A conference source said the Israelis said they would agree to

have as many Unifil soldiers on the border as the Lebanese would agree to have along the Awali river. The Awali, about 52 kms. north of the border, forms Israel's current front line in Lebanon.

The Lebanese spokesman also said his delegation protested against "Israeli interference to obstruct Lebanese deployment" in the Iklim al-Kharroub area, north of the Israeli line along the Awali.

Reports from Beirut said a 13-vehicle Israeli armoured column crossed the Awali on Sunday to restore calm in Iklim al-Kharroub following clashes between Lebanese Christians and Druse Moslems.

Lebanon plans to deploy its army in the area this week.

An Israeli military spokesman denied the reports, saying there had been no Israeli incursions in the past 12 days.

# Worrisome charges

By ROBERT ROSENBERG

TWO VERY different police actions are under way in Israel.

In the north, hundreds of policemen, aided by army troops, Jewish and Arab citizens, kibbutzniks and volunteers from around the country, are scouring the countryside for a girl soldier who disappeared while hitch-hiking home.

In Tel Aviv, two jeeploads of Border Policemen are being questioned about the beatings they allegedly meted out to a carload of Arabs from Nabulus.

The northern operation seems to represent all that is finest in the police. Out in the cold and rain, the policemen—Jews and Arabs, in the only uniform they can share in this country—are proving that cooperation and good citizenship are not a matter of religion or race.

In Tel Aviv, residents of an apartment house along the Yarkon River reportedly watched as a jeepload of Border Policemen, later joined by another jeepload, stopped a Mercedes carrying seven Nabulusis. The seven men were reportedly led to an empty backyard and beaten by the Border Police. The Arabs were, it is said, told to strip and then dress and then strip again.

Making the affair sound even uglier was the surprise said to have been evinced by the Border Policemen in charge when one of the apartment house residents protested. It was as if the officer believed that what he was allowing his

men to do was perfectly alright and any "bleeding hearts" (yefe nefesh) were wrong to interfere. According to several witnesses, the uniformed man in charge shouted to the witnesses who tried to intervene, "Go back upstairs and close your windows or we'll do the same to you."

One witness, Yoram Hecht, reported what he saw to the press instead of the police. Presumably he had little trust in the police force's ability—or desire—to investigate and properly punish the officer and others involved in the beating. The Army Radio reporter, given the story by Hecht and other witnesses, informed the head of operations for Border Police in Tel Aviv about the incident. The officer promised that an inquiry will be conducted.

BUT IF the system really works, then incidents such as the alleged Tel Aviv beating wouldn't have taken place. Yet many such incidents do occur in Tel Aviv. Often they happen without witnesses, and the victims—innocent people whose only "crime" is that they are Arab and possibly forgot their identity cards, or whatever—get beaten. They don't complain to an Army Radio reporter, let alone to the police. They aren't citizens, or don't know the language or assume that a complaint will boomerang on themselves.

Slaps and gratuitous insults are what dozens of Arabs are exposed to in encounters with Border Police-

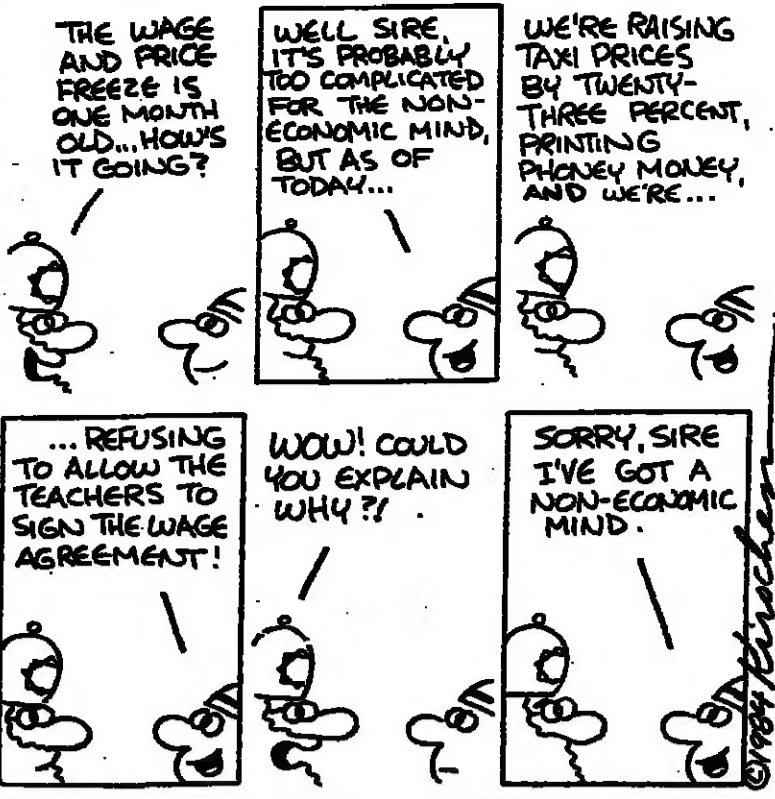
men. Civil Guardsmen, Hagan soldiers or sometimes policemen in blue. These incidents don't show up in police statistics. According to police statistics, as reported in *The Jerusalem Post*, some 15 per cent of the public's complaints about excessive force used by police are justified. But hundreds of incidents go unrecorded as complaints. They are the real problem. And so is the punishment meted out to offending officers in cases that are investigated.

Often these punishments are nothing more than a "warning in the personal file." There was a case of an officer who first denied slapping an East Jerusalem shopkeeper and then, after an investigation in which the shopkeeper took a lie-detector test, admitted that he had indeed slapped the man without provocation.

VIOLENCE is mounting. In the Petah Tikva police court, there is an extra new panel of judges to handle the caseload. Maybe that means the police are taking the matter seriously and are trying to stamp out the phenomenon.

But there's something wrong with the system if it is true that two jeeploads of Border Policemen believe they can march seven men into the backyard of a Tel Aviv apartment house and beat them up without anybody interfering, without anybody complaining, without the

## Dry Bones



system punishing them.

Violence by an individual in uniform shows that he or she does not believe in the authority that the uniform represents. Such people shouldn't be wearing uniforms. The time has come for immediate dismissal from the force of any officer or trooper found guilty of unwarranted violence against civilians, whether Jew or Arab, whether innocent, sus-

pected or proven guilty. For only when enough examples are made of those who, while ostensibly protecting the citizen and safeguarding the law, actually break it, will the foul idea that such lawbreaking is possible by uniformed men pass from the force.

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# Brighter economics

By ASHER YADLIN

relationships; its consequences we can only imagine. Many of our current conceptions about economics, for example, will have to be re-examined, and the past may prove a very imperfect guide in helping us to shape our new responses.

Ask most people if they can recall whether any of their daily expenses have dropped and you will get a blank stare. We are so accustomed to inflation that we are often unaware that the creations of high tech-

nology such as television, radio, calculators, and computers have all dropped drastically in price during our lifetime.

Even more remarkable, they have become much better and more powerful at these lower prices, and there is no reason to believe the process is slowing down. In fact it is speeding up, since the growth of technology is moving at a geometric rate.

When we think of productivity, we

generally conceive of it in relation to man and how much he can produce. As man is finite in terms of production and his tools have been relatively primitive, the combination of the two had definite and often severe limitations. Now we have arrived at a point where still-finite man and a potentially infinite machine are being joined together.

The explosion of productivity that is made possible by this combined entity can only leave us gasping in

terms of its potential. Also, as man represents a continually shrinking percentage of this powerful combination and the machine keeps growing in power, shrinking in size and becoming cheaper and cheaper, the inevitable effect on inflation must be that it will start to shrink.

An increase in the salary of the worker or in the cost of raw materials will be more than compensated for by the ever-increasing speed of the machine. The consequences for the material well-being of mankind are enormous, and the race for opening up and developing new markets for this increased production could well be the major task of the next decade.

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## READERS' LETTERS

### DEHAISHE

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post* Sir, — On November 4, while Rabbi Moshe Levinger and his supporters were being dumped outside Dahaihe, I had the opportunity to visit the camp.

People I talked to there said the following about a four-day period in early September when the camp was under curfew:

1. Within an hour after the curfew was imposed, Meir Kahane came to the entrance of Dahaihe to pray in public.

2. Around midnight on the second day of the curfew, armed Israeli settlers came through the camp knocking on doors and trying to enter houses. It took the Border Police almost an hour to remove the settlers.

3. A young man who encountered the settlers retreated into his house slamming the door in their faces. He was arrested for assaulting the set-

tlers. Two months later, he was still being held.

It is disturbing that, after such events, Dahaihe residents, and not the provocateurs, are arrested. In the last three months some 100 of the camp's residents have been arrested and held, but not necessarily charged.

Far from being a deterrent, this arrest policy seems to create a status symbol.

My visit brought up two basic questions:

1. Why are Israeli settlers, Kahane and other avowedly anti-Arab Jews ever allowed in and around a refugee camp at the time of a curfew?

2. Why are Levinger and his supporters given army protection to trespass on land near the camps in clear provocation of its residents? Whose interests are being served by this baiting?

SARAH KREIMER  
Tel Aviv.

### SABRA AND SHATILLA IN RETROSPECT

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post* Sir, — The Sharon vs Time trial recalls the unprecedented quantity of journalistic coverage given to the Sabra and Shatilla massacre.

The *New York Times* spread the story over seven pages in some 10,000 words in one issue (September 26, 1983). *Time* magazine's summary of the Kahan commission report included photos of seven Israeli figures (with Ariel Sharon and Menachem Begin appearing on the cover as well as inside.)

But the face of one of the key figures in that tragic event, namely, Elias Hobeika, was missing from this gallery of persons indirectly associated with it. Elias Hobeika, the head

of the Phalangist Intelligence Division, was reported by the Kahan Commission to the officer in charge of the Phalangists that entered the camps.

The *New York Times* gave him one sentence (October 9, 1983); *Time* mentions him twice, citing his part in the massacre as reported by the commission, but giving no background. Both papers kept well-staffed bureaus in Beirut and with no great effort could have provided the reader with more data and a photo of Hobeika.

Was this a mere omission or part of the trend of putting the entire blame for the massacre on Israel?

ELIYAHU TAL  
Tel Aviv.

### HELPING KLAUS BARBIE

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post* Sir, — I read with great interest the review of *The Fourth Reich* on Klaus Barbie and his neo-Nazi activities (November 9). While the review gives an accurate picture of Barbie's criminal career during World War II and after, and of his involvement in the establishment of a right-wing dictatorship in Bolivia in 1980, including the training of outright torturers, it tries to link these activities indirectly with the PLO and "international terrorism" (in an Israeli paper a euphemism for "Arab terror").

Although the author mentions

that "ironically enough" Barbie sold weapons to Israel, he does not tell us that Israel supported the fascist-style coup in Bolivia in 1980 (just as it did with Somoza in Nicaragua and the dictatorships in Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras and Argentina). Israel by this way "indirectly helped Barbie to stay free in Bolivia and possibly to continue his outrages."

(B. Levine in the Jewish journal *Schmate*, Berkeley, Summer '84).

How can this be reconciled with our Jewish interest?

JOHN BUNZL  
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### DOCUMENTING EDUCATION

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post* Sir, — Yad Ben Zvi publications is currently completing a study on education in Israel from the 19th century to the early 1950s, soon to be published in book form.

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